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DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS AT AMOY

CHINESE SEIZE PROPERTY OF JAPANESE FIRMS

Allegedly Ill-Treating Formosan Residents

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Indicating that considerable trouble is fomenting in Amoy, a Japanese report says that the Chinese military authorities at Amoy have seized the branch offices of the Bank of Formosa, which they have been using as their offices since January 3.

According to information received, says this report, the Chinese oppression of Formosan residents in Amoy is becoming worse. Two Formosans, one an executive member of the Formosan Association at Amoy, and the other the Secretary, were recently executed by a firing squad.—*Reuter*.

TSINGTAO'S NEW GOVERNOR

Expected To Be Mr.
Chao Chi

Tsingtao, Jan. 15.
Mr. Chao Chi, Director-General of the Tsingtao Administration under the former Peiping regime, will most probably be appointed Governor of Tsingtao by the Peiping Provisional Government, which has assumed jurisdiction over the port, according to reports.

Supporting these reports a despatch has been received stating that Mr. Chao is en route to Tsingtao by steamer, although he has two rivals for the post, namely Wen Shou-chen, former Governor and Chu Hsuan-ping, commander of the provincial troops in Wen's time. Chao's choice is most likely as he is persona grata with the Japanese and popular socially with foreigners.

It is expected the five-barred flag will be hoisted if and when he assumes office. Tsingtao was the last place in China to haul down this flag on the occasion of his departure on May 8, 1929.

After leaving Chao gave instructions for the flag to fly over the administration building until his departure for Dairen. He was the Governor and Mayor from July 1925 to May 1929, when he left as a political refugee from the advancing nationalist troops.

Chao returned to Tsingtao after Shen Hsiang-shih was appointed Mayor and he remained there until last September when he went to Tientsin.

Railway guards and employees of the Kiao-tai Railway were marched to the police station and requested to leave the premises as the South Manchuria Railway was being taken over by Japanese army. They added that at present they were taking an inventory.—*Reuter*.

Chinese P. O. Workers Face Salary Cuts

Effect Of Severe
Revenue Losses

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
All local post office employees' salaries will be cut 40 per cent. after January due to the loss in revenue on account of the hostilities. The employees suffered a 20 per cent. cut in September last.

It is learned that other offices throughout China have been similarly treated.

An official said that income had been reduced by 50 per cent. However efforts were being made to resume service in Japanese-occupied areas, especially near Shanghai. Services in Hongkong, Nantao and Chaipei were already partly functioning.—*United Press*.

CHIANG TO CRY "PEACE"?

Tokyo Awaits
Decision
Before Action

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Prince Komei, Premier of Japan, visited the Emperor yesterday and submitted the decisions of the Cabinet and Counsellors. An early release of these decisions is expected.

Well-informed circles state that it is understood the decision of the Imperial Conference will be released the moment Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's reply to the peace terms arrives in Tokyo. They said that in the event of Chiang Kai-shek accepting the terms or showing willingness to discuss them the Japanese procedure will be moderate. On the other hand a flat refusal of the terms will result in continued military action with increased vigour.

Opinion is expressed that the reply is expected to be delivered through the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen.

Herr von Dirksen visited Mr. Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday, thereby raising belief that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's reply had been received. However the Foreign Office and Embassy were silent on the subject. One informant said it was understood Chiang Kai-shek's reply was expected to coincide with the opening of the Imperial Conference. It is stated that the Chinese leader requested a few days in which to study the demands.

The only indication noticeable in Tokyo concerning the nature of Chiang Kai-shek's reply to the Japanese peace terms is contained in Hongkong despatches reporting that Madame Chiang has said her husband was personally commanding the Lung-hai railway front, with "strong anti-Japanese feeling" still prevalent. Furthermore some despatches quote the newspaper *Ta Kung Pao* urging "continued resistance regardless of the consequences of the Imperial Conference."—*United Press*.

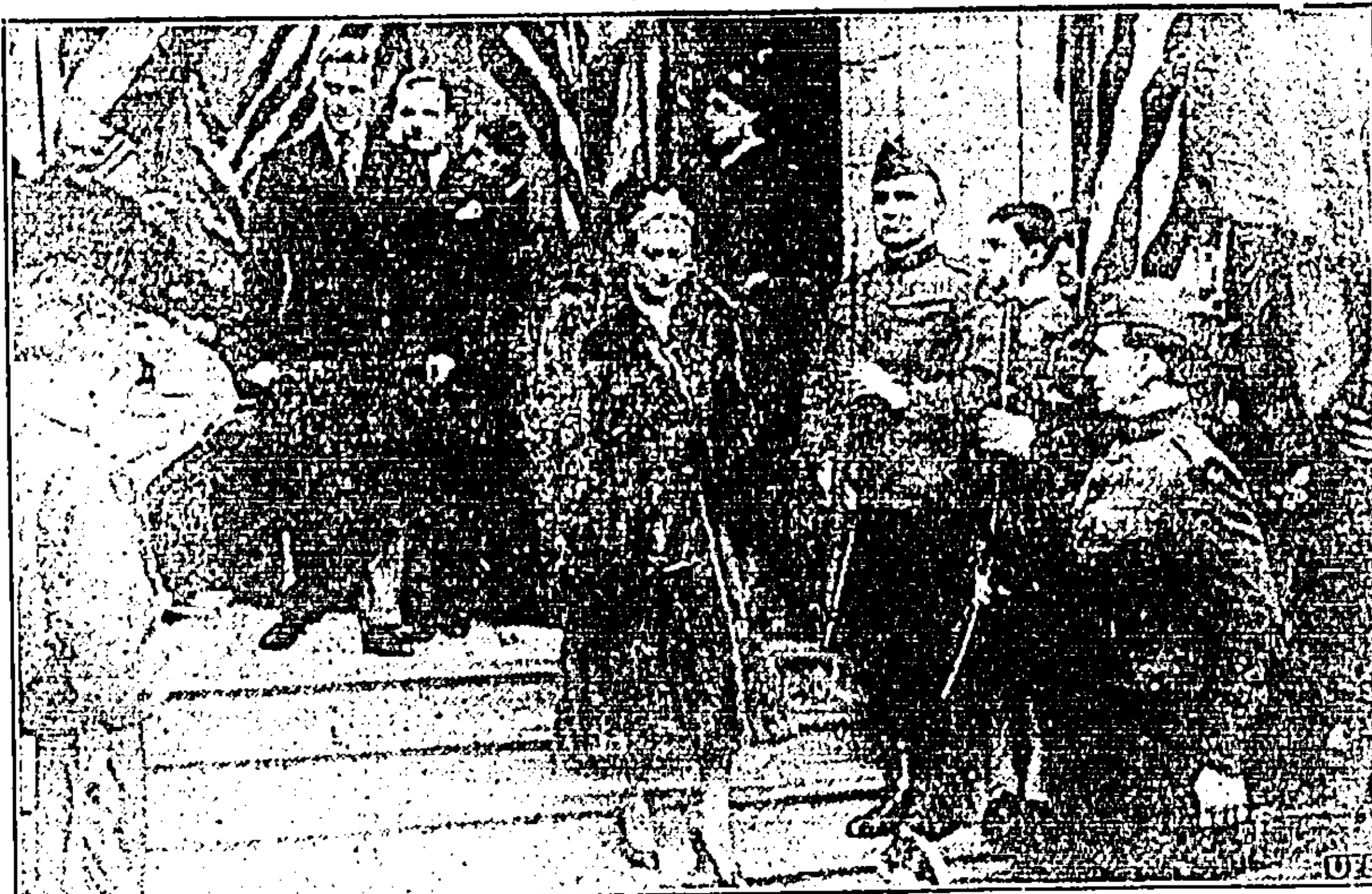
STATEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Tokyo, Jan. 15.
Speculations concerning Japan's future attitude to China will be set at rest during the week-end when a statement enunciating Japan's fundamental policy will be made public, according to reports.

Persistent German efforts to mediate, it is stated, apparently reached a point calling for a vital decision whether Chiang Kai-shek would accept or turn down Japan's peace proposals.—*United Press*.

M. Bonnet To Form A New French Cabinet

DUKE AND DUCHESS GO TO CHURCH



AT CHURCH: The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, accompanied by the American Ambassador, William C. Bullitt, left for the American church in Paris after attending the religious service there. They set out for the American church in their special car. The church, which has been under Japanese occupation since the outbreak of hostilities, was decorated with American and British flags.

U. S. Asiatic
Fleet To Be
Strengthened

Washington, Jan. 15.
The United States Asiatic Fleet, which is attending the inauguration of the completed Singapore Base, will remain in Far Eastern waters after the ceremony on February 11 as reinforcement of the United States Asiatic fleet, according to reliable, though unofficial, sources.—*Reuter*.

RUSSIAN PLANE DETAINED

Soviet Protest To
Tokyo: Referred
To Manchukuo

Khabarovsk, Jan. 14.
The alleged detention of a Soviet aeroplane with her crew and civil air mail in Manchuria is the subject of vigorous protests to the Japanese authorities by the Soviet Consul-General at Harbin and the Soviet Embassy at Tokyo.

It is stated that the aeroplane last its way in the Amur region and made a forced landing in Manchuria in December. The pilot and his assistant were taken to Harbin and are still being detained there.

The Japanese Government has informed the Soviet Ambassador that the matter must be handled by the Manchukuo Government.—*Reuter*.

Americans Complain Of Looting

The United States Ambassador at Tokyo has been instructed by the State Department to protest to the Japanese authorities at the continued looting of United States property by Japanese soldiers.

The American Consul at Nanking today reported that Japanese soldiers were entering American property and removing goods, as well as cycling employees. In American institutions without giving any notice or reasons for such action.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE FACE BIG MILITARY PROBLEMS

Vital Necessity Of
Linking Northern
& Southern Fronts

Hankow, Jan. 15.
Japan's task is to unite her southern and northern fronts in China and to seize and consolidate the entire Tientsin-Pukow railway line, said a prominent military expert in an interview.

It will take at least six weeks, possibly longer, to accomplish this, he said. All Japanese operations on the Peiping-Hankow railway and other fronts are auxiliary to this main campaign. When Japan possesses the entire Tientsin-Pukow railway line, she will be able to transfer troops to any point quickly and efficiently.

The speaker was of the opinion that the much-touted Japanese offensive against South Shansi will not materialise in the shape of a frontal attack, since there are many indications that a Japanese attempt to achieve mastery of Shansi means the outflanking of Chinese troops in the south after advancing down the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Flanking movements constitute the classical method adopted by Japan in the present war, and the fate of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line at Hsuehchow most probably will not be decided at Hsuehchow, but following the Japanese attempt to cut the Lungtai railway line at Kweli, where the Japanese have advanced after gaining possession of Tientsin, which at present, Chinese troops have recaptured.

Concerning Japanese aims and intentions along the Huai-nan railway, on which is situated Hsuehchow, at present still in Chinese hands, the Japanese may attempt to advance towards the Peiping-Hankow railway by cutting the line at Sinyang, south of Chen-chow, after which the capture of Hankow would be much easier.

WORRIED BY GUERRILLA TACTICS

Great numbers of Japanese troops are at present being transferred from Shansi to the Peiping-Hankow front. However 30,000 Japanese troops are remaining in north Shansi where they are attempting to clean up sections of the Eighth Route Army and other partisan units who are ever-present threat to the Japanese communications in the rear.

"Japan's second war against the Eighth Route Army" began on January 10, when 2,000 Japanese infantry, accompanied by twelve tanks and twelve mounted guns, engaged a force of Eighth Route Army soldiers and volunteers near Shenchu, a pitched battle lasting from dawn to dusk. Towards evening the Chinese managed to turn the left flank of the Japanese detachment which retired to Shenchu.—*United Press*.

AMERICAN INSULTS HITLER

Headstrong Speech
By A Former U.S.
Ambassador

Washington, Jan. 14.
The German Ambassador to Washington, Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, has protested to Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, against a speech delivered in New York yesterday by Mr. William Dodd, former U.S. Ambassador to Berlin, in which Mr. Dodd described Herr Adolf Hitler as "now more absolute than any medieval Emperor of Germany", and added that almost as many personal opponents were killed in five years as were executed in 20 years during the 17th century.

In an oral representation, Dr. Dieckhoff described Mr. Dodd's speech as an "unheard-of insult to a friendly nation."

Replying to the protest, Mr. Cordell Hull stated that he informed Dr. Dieckhoff that Mr. Dodd, having resigned his Ambassadorship, spoke as a private citizen, who, as an individual under the Constitution, was entitled to the freedom of speech.

It is believed that Dr. Dieckhoff acted on his own initiative to forestall the expected request by the German Government for a strong protest.—*Reuter*.

NEW JUSTICE

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson has been appointed an Official Justice of the Peace in Hongkong, with effect from last Monday.

FALL OF FRANC MUST BE HALTED DURING WEEK-END

Feverish Efforts To Avert Crisis End On Note Of Promise

Paris, Jan. 14.

M. Albert Lebrun, President of the French Republic, is seeking an All-Star Cabinet to restore confidence in the financial and social structure which the Left Wing and Popular Front have shattered, apparently beyond immediate repair.

The situation is regarded as a national crisis and the Government, through the Bank of France has asked banks not to deal in foreign exchange pending the establishment of a new Cabinet.

The stock exchange opened as usual, but the money market was closed.

M. Lebrun consulted the President of the Senate, M. Jules Jeanneney, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Edouard Herriot, after which he invited M. Camille Chautemps to form another cabinet, but the former Premier declined.

M. Lebrun then continued his search for a candidate.

COMMUNISTS REMORSEFUL

Meanwhile the Communists who had precipitated the crisis were apparently regretful of their action for their leader, M. Arthur Ramette said: "We had no desire to overthrow the Government. We hoped the Popular Front would be preserved. We hope the unity of the Communist, Socialist and Radical-Socialists will continue."

M. Chautemps Cabinet requested the President, M. Lebrun to continue in office to handle current affairs, and appointed M. Yvon Delbos to go to Geneva on Saturday to consult with Mr. Anthony Eden, British Secretary, on the problems which will be considered at Monday's League Council meeting.

M. Chautemps appealed for national calm in the time of crisis.

M. BONNET TO TRY

M. Georges Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has agreed to try to find a Cabinet after M. Chautemps, Daladier (National Defence Minister) and Albert Sarraut (Minister of State) had refused.

Trading in the franc has been suspended. It is considered imperative to form a Government during the week-end which would be prepared for emergency measures to stop the fall of the franc, halt the flight of capital and replenish the treasury, and deal with the intricate problems of Labour.—*United Press*.

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THREATENED

Washington, Jan. 14.
The French crisis has threatened to upset the tripartite agreement, and considerable interest is shown to M. Chautemps' opposition to any form of exchange control, in which case some observers believe the franc would not receive unlimited support from the United States equalisation fund.—*United Press*.

WHY M. DALADIER REFUSED

Paris, Jan. 14.
M. Daladier refused M. Lebrun's invitation to form a Government, owing to the importance of his task in conducting the Ministry of Defence at the present juncture. The President then summoned M. Sarraut.—*Reuter*.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RESUMES POST

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Commissioner of Police, has resumed duty after local leave.

During Mr. King's absence from office Mr. C. G. Purdie was Acting Inspector General of Police.

The name of Mr. Donald MacAllister has been added to the list of authorised architects in Hongkong.



ARMY CHIEF - In a shake-up of the British Army, to make way for younger men in important posts, Major General Viscount Gort, above, 51, succeeds Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, 63, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The shift was recently announced by War Secretary Leslie Hore-Blith.

STOP PRESS

HAN FU-CHU'S REVOLT

Hankow, Jan. 15.
It is rumoured that Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, revolted against the Central Government before he was put under arrest.—*United Press*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 16.)

Surprise Dish

SEFTON CUTLETS

CHOP some small mushrooms, season with cayenne pepper, and salt. Let this simmer gently in a little butter, but do not allow it to get brown. Then add a little good brown sauce; mix altogether, and let it get cold. Trim the cutlets rather thinly, and split each one through to the bone. Put in a layer of the mixture and press the cutlets flat. Egg and breadcrumb them in the usual way, and fry them in clarified butter.

Serve with this sauce: Scrape a stick of horseradish, slice and onion, and tie up a small bunch of herbs. Let these simmer in half a pint of good stock until reduced one-third. Strain into a stewpan, and add the same quantity of tomato sauce.

HOME PAGE COOK

Cakes

WASH and scrape 1 lb celery and put it in a pan of cold water. Bring to the boil and strain. Then fry the celery and 1 chopped onion in 1 oz butter for a few minutes. Now add 1 pint water and cook till the celery is tender, about 2 hours.

Rub all through a sieve, return the puree to the pan, and add ½ oz corn-flour broken down with ½ gill milk. Then cook for 10 minutes longer, season to taste, and add ½ gill cream before serving.

B. M.



Mr. Cooper amuses his son
with a game called—

"Heads, bodies and legs"

FOR the first time in his six years of life my son Jonathan spent a day in bed yesterday.

He woke up and complained of headaches, stomach aches, and another ache which appeared from time to time in his left leg, ear, back, and wrist.

And as for the last week or two he has been off his food, and a little pale and languid in comparison with his usual rather florid, vulgar health, my wife took it seriously and sent for the doctor.

It appears there's nothing to worry about. He's slightly lacking in something chemical; it's not whooping cough, measles, or scarlet fever, all of which I had considered as possibilities.

And he's to eat a lot of sugar, barley sugar, and boiled sweets. Jonathan was delighted.

ANYWAY, as it is difficult to get him to eat meat and vegetables, we are to cram him with nuts, cream cheese, fruit, and honey, which sounds very advanced-thought and Bloomsbury, but I suppose it's all right.

And, of course, glucose—that seems very important, which I must say surprised me rather.

I can remember when I used to buy pots of strawberry jam at school they nearly always said on the label "Guaranteed to contain no glucose." Nowadays I suppose you buy pots of glucose guaranteed to contain no strawberry jam.

SO he stayed in bed, which was all right as long as the novelty of the thing didn't wear off, which it did, of course, about mid-day. Luckily the situation was saved by having lunch in bed.

After lunch, when he had upset his glass of water and his bed was full of rice pudding, he got very bored.

I went up to amuse him.

IT'S not easy to keep a child amused in bed; he'd read all his books, and he asked me to tell him a story; my mind went quite blank.

I said what kind of story? "Well," he said, "tell me about the little boy who went down to the grocer's to get a bag of rice and when he was coming back he got kidnapped by a gentleman in a car, so he made a hole in the bag and the rice fell out and his mother just followed the trail of rice and when she got there she said give me back my boy you dirty beast, or I'll tell the police about it."

I SAID I thought he seemed to know the story rather better than I did, but if he wanted me to I'd tell him again. He said yes, so I repeated it almost word for word, and he sat enthralled.

Then we played dominoes, made paper darts and gliders, played naughts and crosses, ludo, at which he cheated.

THE real success was an absurd game called heads, bodies, and legs: it's played in much the same manner as consequences, that is with a strip of paper on which one person draws a head, then it gets passed on to the next one, who draws a body, and so on.

That kept him, and me for that matter, amused for hours.

SOME of them had dogs' heads, dressmaker-stand bodies, and Chippendale chair legs.

I felt as if I had done a really hard day's work by the time he was asleep.

I think I'll stay in bed to-morrow, as long as Jonathan doesn't come in to keep me amused.

My wife, who seems to have gone into the question of glucose, tells me that it contains carbohydrates essential for Jonathan's digestion. Highly strung children sometimes suffer from a bad or sluggish digestive system, cannot get energy from food. Glucose digests food, frees energy—simple.

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COOKERY LESSON

Omelettes and Souffles by Countess Morphy

THE making of an omelette is one of the simplest things in cookery—and one of the most difficult. The fundamental recipes are extremely simple, but there is a knack in the making of a successful omelette which is almost a "sleight of hand." Some people are born omelette-makers, just as some are born conjurers.

The famous chef, Escoffier, described an omelette as "nothing more than a special kind of scrambled eggs, encased in a thin coating of slightly solidified eggs."

And that is exactly what a good omelette is about to be made. Put the omelette in the pan, on a brisk "runny" inside, and the outside only fire. When it is very hot and begins to sizzle, pour in the omelette mixture. Stir the eggs with a fork as quickly as possible, lift and stir to a smooth paste with a wooden spoon over a very slow fire. Add very gradually, and still stirring, ½ a pint of hot milk. Remove from the fire and stir in the yolks of four eggs, well beaten. Replace on the fire, and in the case of fish, chicken, game or vegetable souffles add a ¼ lb. of any of these ingredients, previously cooked and finely minced or preferably rubbed through a sieve.

Stir over a slow fire till the mixture begins to thicken, seasoning with salt and pepper. Remove from the fire and let stand till nearly cold.

Then add the whites of egg beaten to a very firm snow. Pour the mixture in a well-buttered fireproof soufflé dish, filling it only three-quarters full. Put in a fairly brisk oven at moderate oven for 20 to 25 minutes, till the souffle has risen, and the top is lightly coloured. Serve at once.

Sweet omelettes are made in exactly the same manner, omitting the salt and pepper, and adding a little sugar instead.

Souffles

ALTHOUGH there are slight variations in the recipes for various souffles, the following is a simple and general one, which can be used as the foundation of most souffles.

For four people: melt one heaped tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, add one tablespoonful of flour, and stir to a smooth paste with a wooden spoon over a very slow fire. Add very gradually, and still stirring, ½ a pint of hot milk. Remove from the fire and stir in the yolks of four eggs, well beaten. Replace on the fire, and in the case of fish, chicken, game or vegetable souffles add a ¼ lb. of any of these ingredients, previously cooked and finely minced or preferably rubbed through a sieve.

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once. Souffles cannot be kept waiting.

For cheese souffle, use a ¼ lb. of finely grated cheese, and season with salt and a dash of cayenne.

For chocolate souffle, add a ¼ lb. of finely grated chocolate and two or three tablespoonfuls of sugar.

Afternoon Tea Celery Soup

HERE are one or two delicious and easy-to-make little cakes which you might like to "try-out" at your next tea-party.

This orange cake is specially light: Cream four ounces of butter (or margarine) and four ounces of caster sugar, and then stir in two eggs, one at a time.

Sieve together five ounces of flour and half a teaspoonful of baking powder, and mix these in slowly, stirring carefully. Stir in the grated rind of an orange and its strained juice.

Well grease a sandwich tin, pour in the mixture and bake in a moderate oven. Split when cold, and spread with orange marmalade before making a sandwich with the halves.

Queen of Hearts Biscuits

Cream four ounces of caster sugar and half a pound of butter (or margarine) and add two well-beaten eggs, fourteen ounces of flour, and a few drops of almond essence. Roll out the mixture to a quarter of an inch in thickness, and shape with a heart-shaped cutter. Bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes.

When the biscuits are cool, ice one biscuit and place another on top with a dab of icing, a glace cherry, and a strip of angelica.

To make the icing, mix together a dessert-spoonful of water, four ounces of icing sugar, and a few drops of almond essence.

Eastern Cakes

Cut half a pound of dates very small. Mix together and sift well two cups of sifted flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and half a teaspoonful of salt.

Cream a quarter of a cup of butter with the same amount of sugar. Beat in an egg. Then mix in the prepared flour and a quarter of a cup of milk. Line and fold in the dates; turn into small greased tins and bake for about twenty-five minutes in a quick oven.

Lemon cakes are also delicious: Cream quarter of a pound of butter with half a pound of sifted sugar, beat well until really creamy. Add four eggs (the yolks only previously beaten) and the grated rind of a lemon.

Mix together five ounces of flour and a quarter of a teaspoonful each of salt and soda. Add this to the other mixture and fold in four well-beaten egg whites. Turn into buttered tins and bake for an hour in a moderate oven.

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£1,000,000 FOR NEW CRYSTAL PALACE

—Sir H. Buckland

On the first anniversary of the burning down of the Crystal Palace Sir Henry Buckland, general manager, told a London newspaper that a new scheme to replace the old building had been decided upon and would be announced in the New Year.

"The scheme decided upon," he said, "is not one of those suggested, or even mentioned, publicly. It is our own scheme."

Among the schemes that have been put forward since the fire are:

An Empire sports arena and stadium;
Convalescent home,
Permanent exhibition of domestic architecture, decoration and equipment;
Empire Palace of Agriculture;
A National public park;
"Educational Laboratory";
Permanent aircraft exhibition;
South London Cathedral;
South London Zoo; and
"House of Youth."

PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTS

Elaborating the position of those who are considering the future of the Crystal Palace, Sir Henry said:

"The scheme we have in mind will cost about £1,000,000, but until the financial position is secured nothing can be done regarding the scope of the scheme."

"Obviously, these days of financial instability and political uncertainty do not make out task easier."

"The site will not be cleared by the demolishers until March, but we shall announce our decision before then. Our plans will have been fully drawn up by the New Year, and with the announcement of the shape the reconstruction is to take we shall offer architects a prize for the best design and then invite tenders."

"Make no mistake about it. We are looking 20 or 30 years ahead, and the new building will be worthy of the nation and of the old 'Palace'."

"As soon as we know what finances are at our disposal—and that

GERMAN AIR LINER'S SAFETY DEVICE

FASTEST SERVICE CLAIM

By A Correspondent

Berlin.
A faster, safer and quieter standard aeroplane is to be adopted by German Luftwaffe Airways, and will be placed in service on the Berlin-London route early this year. It will then be gradually introduced on other routes.

This machine, which I inspected recently, is likely to attract considerable attention, and has, I gather, been selected from a number of possible alternatives. It is an all-metal four-engined Fokker-Wulf "Condor" monoplane, not hitherto used for passenger services.

The number of passengers carried is 26. A safety device in case of emergency is provided by a knob above each window, which, when pulled, causes the whole frame of the plane to fall inwards and allow immediate exit.

The cruising speed of 205 m.p.h. will make the Luftwaffe service, the fastest, it is claimed, in Europe.

will be very soon—we shall make our announcement. Insurance of the old building has brought us in only £120,000, and in our plans we shall have to consider the insurance of the new building at 20s. per cent."



DRESSED IN WHITE, the mourning colour of China, Sir Robert Ho Tung was a dignified figure at the funeral this week of Lady Clara Ho Tung.—Staff Photographer.

Growing Naval Strength

By HECTOR C. BYWATER

Frank disclosures regarding the present and future strength of Germany's new navy are made in the German Naval Annual for 1938, a semi-official volume just published with the approval of the Berlin Admiralty.

It shows that when the new vessels now building are delivered the German Fleet, excluding older units, will consist of:

- 2 35,000-ton battleships with 15in guns.
- 2 20,000-ton battleships with 11 in guns.
- 3 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" with 11in guns.
- 3 10,000-ton armoured cruisers with 8in guns.
- 2 10,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
- 8 6,000-7,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
- 2 aircraft carriers of 10,250 tons.
- 22 super-destroyers, 1,625-1,800 tons.
- 30 smaller destroyers.

61 ocean and sea-going submarines. This establishment, it is pointed out, is based on the Anglo-German tonnage ratio of 100:35 fixed by the treaty of 1935. It is added, however, that the current German programme takes account only of Britain's total tonnage on Jan. 1, 1937, and has not yet been adjusted to counterbalance the subsequent very large increase in British tonnage due to the rearmament plan.

INCREASE FORESHADOWED

The implication is, apparently, that Germany will eventually lay down further ships to maintain her ratio.

In submarine tonnage, the treaty entitles Germany to 45 per cent. of the British total, and reserves to her the right to go up to 100 per cent., provided that she first consults with the British Government.

The composition of the new German submarine fleet is:

- 10 ocean-going boats, 712-740 tons.
- 21 sea-going boats, 517 tons.
- 30 coastal boats, 250 tons.

Of these boats the ocean and sea-going types are armed with six torpedo tubes, while the coastal boats carry three tubes.

UNDERWATER PROTECTION

A feature of the two 35,000-ton battleships is their enormous beam—118ft. This compares with the 106ft. of the Nelson and Rodney, the broadest ships in the British Navy, and the 105½ft. of the Hood.

It is evident that the underwater protection of the German ships is exceptionally strong. They will mount eight 15in-guns, twelve 6in. and twelve 4.1in. anti-aircraft guns.

The two 20,000-ton battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, mount nine 11in. guns. It is explained that this comparatively small calibre was chosen to save weight for armour protection. It will be seen, therefore, that the British and German authorities are working on similar lines as regards the development of the battleship.

German's three new armoured cruisers will mount eight 8in. guns in twin turrets. They will, it is stated, "resemble the seaworthy and powerful British ships of this type, which can steam at 32 to 33 knots."

A number of escort vessels, with the remarkable speed of 28 knots, are also under construction.

The new annual makes no reference to the rapid growth of the personnel, which now numbers nearly 50,000.

DISMISSED FOR PACIFISM

Two young men, aged 24 and 23, have been given a month's notice by a firm of Lloyd's underwriters in London—because they wore white Peace Pledge Union poppies as well as red Haig poppies in the office on Armistice Day.

Both men live at Leigh-on-Sea. One, who maintains a widowed mother, has been employed by the firm for four years.

The other, who supports a dependent relative, has been employed there for seven years. The fathers of both fought through the Great War.

THE ONLY REASON

The manager of the firm said: "The only reason they were given notice by the principal of the firm was that they declined to remove the white emblems from their coats in office hours. There was no other reason."

"The principal considered the emblems were an insult to the dead and to the people in the building who lost relatives during the war. If the men had removed the poppies they would not have been dismissed."

"No action would have been taken if they had worn them outside the office only."

The men have asked the *News Chronicle* not to publish their names, because they fear they may be unable to obtain further employment in the City if their views are known.

"A LOT OF CROOKS"

One of them said: "On the afternoon of Armistice Day the principal called me to his room and said, pointing to the white emblem: 'What does that thing stand for?'"

"I replied: 'It stands for the Peace Pledge Union, sir.'"

"The Principal then said: 'You are being hoodwinked by a lot of crooks, and it is an absolute insult to the company. You people who will not fight for the country are no good at all. I cannot have it in my office. Either you stop wearing the thing or take a month's notice.'"

"I replied that my opinion was based on a religious principle. 'My employer replied: 'Your religious principle is crooked compared with mine.'"

"I said I was sorry he saw it in that way and he replied that he did

I. G. P. In Assam Dies Suddenly

Calcutta.
All Government offices in Assam were closed recently out of respect to the memory of Mr. T. E. Furze, Inspector-General of Police in Assam, and Joint Secretary of the Home Department, who died at Shillong.

Mr. Furze had been in the Indian Police for 30 years.

A White Tiger—A fine specimen of the rare white tiger has been presented to the Indian Museum, Calcutta, by the Maharaja Bahadur of Gidhaur, where it was shot.

Maharaja Honoured.—In recognition of their action in throwing open temples in the State of Travancore to the depressed classes, the Maharaja of Travancore and his mother have been awarded the honorary degrees of D. Litt at the Andhra University, Waltair, Madras Presidency.

and that was the end of the conversation."

UNION'S ADVICE

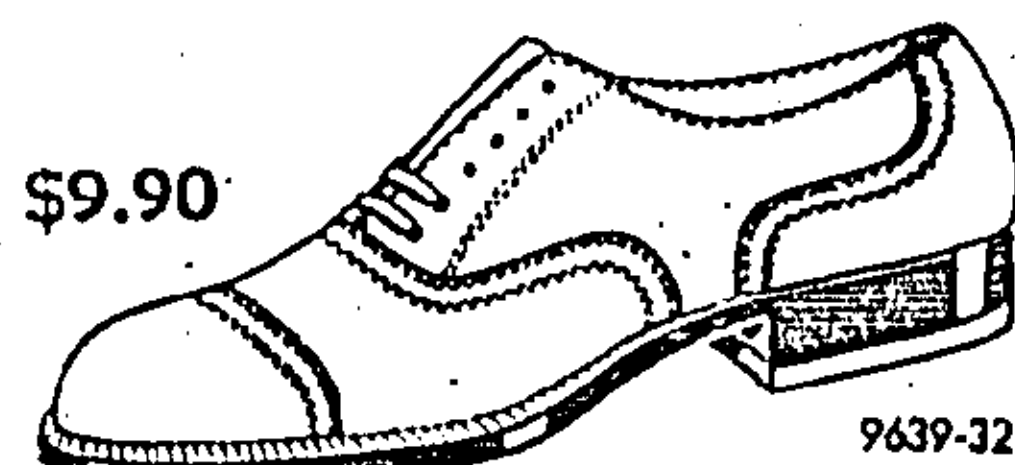
When the other man returned from a visit to the bank he was given a month's notice immediately.

Reporting these facts, the current issue of *Peace News*, official organ of the Peace Pledge Union, says that both men had taken the organisation's advice to wear red Haig poppies as well as white ones.

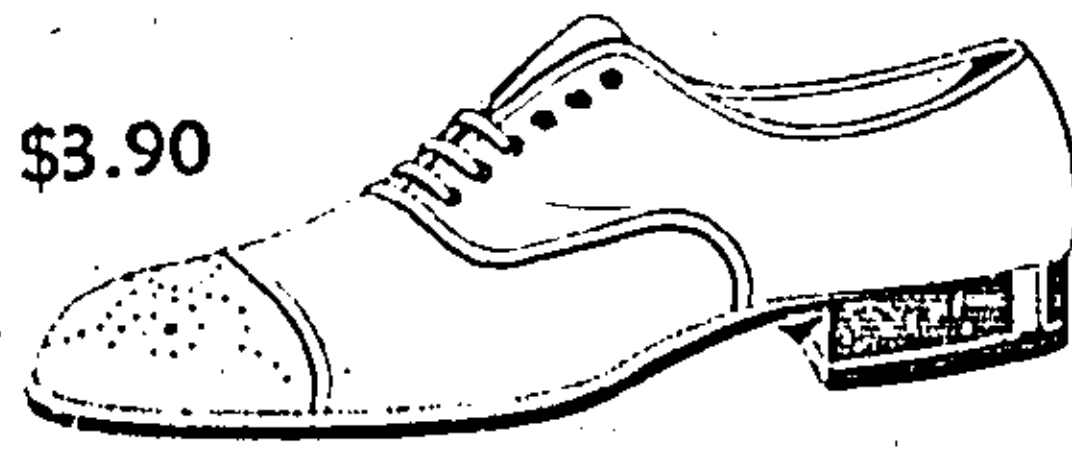
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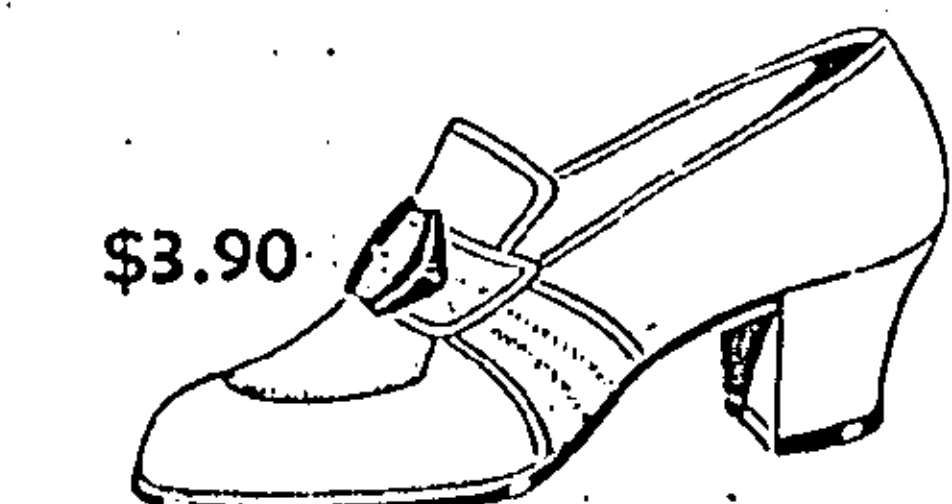
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Brown or black box-calf oxford. An elegant shoe for business wear.



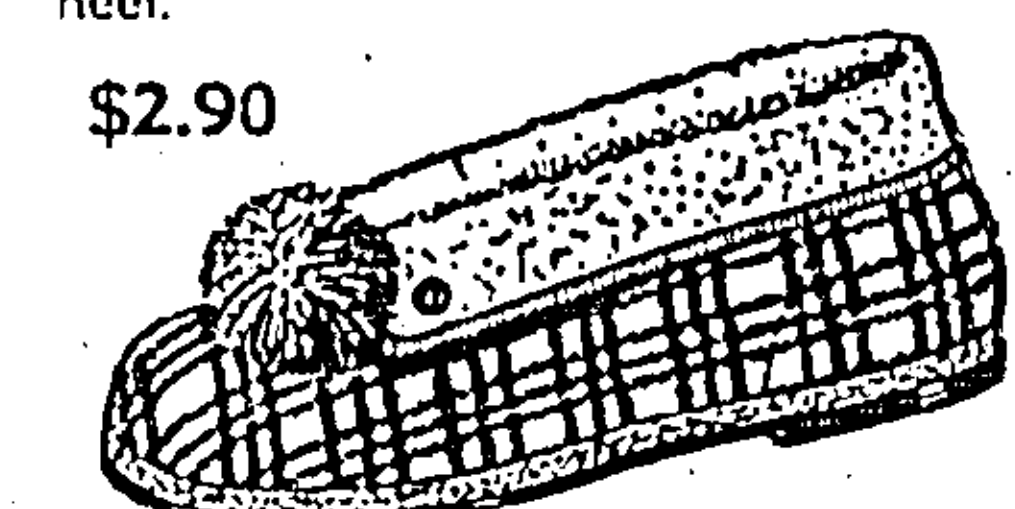
97397-45
Imitation suede shoes with perforated cap and refined rubber sole and heel. In dark brown, black, grey and navy blue.



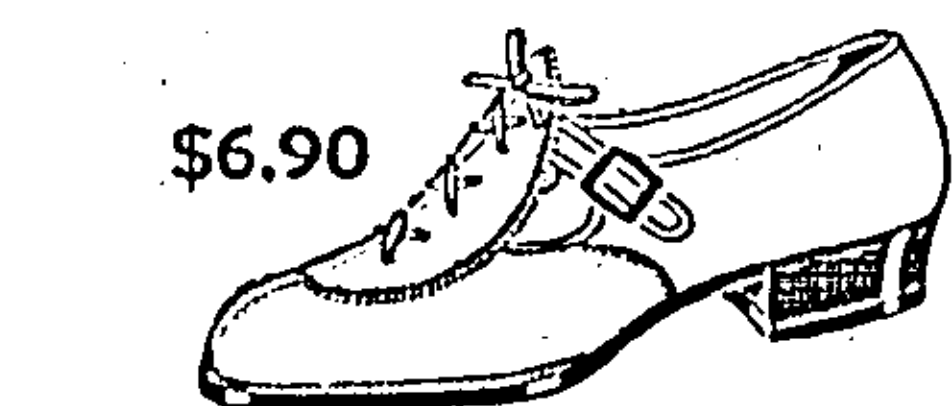
1625-21
A smart design of ladies' brown or black leather lacing shoes with Cuban heel.



14095-30
A new design of imitation suede shoe with refined rubber sole. In brown, black and navy blue.



7225-16
Camelhair house slippers for ladies. Give perfect warmth to your feet in cold days.



5634-42
Ladies' walking shoes in brown with durable leather sole and heel.



2964-43
Children's brown leather strap shoes with perforated vamp and flexible leather sole.

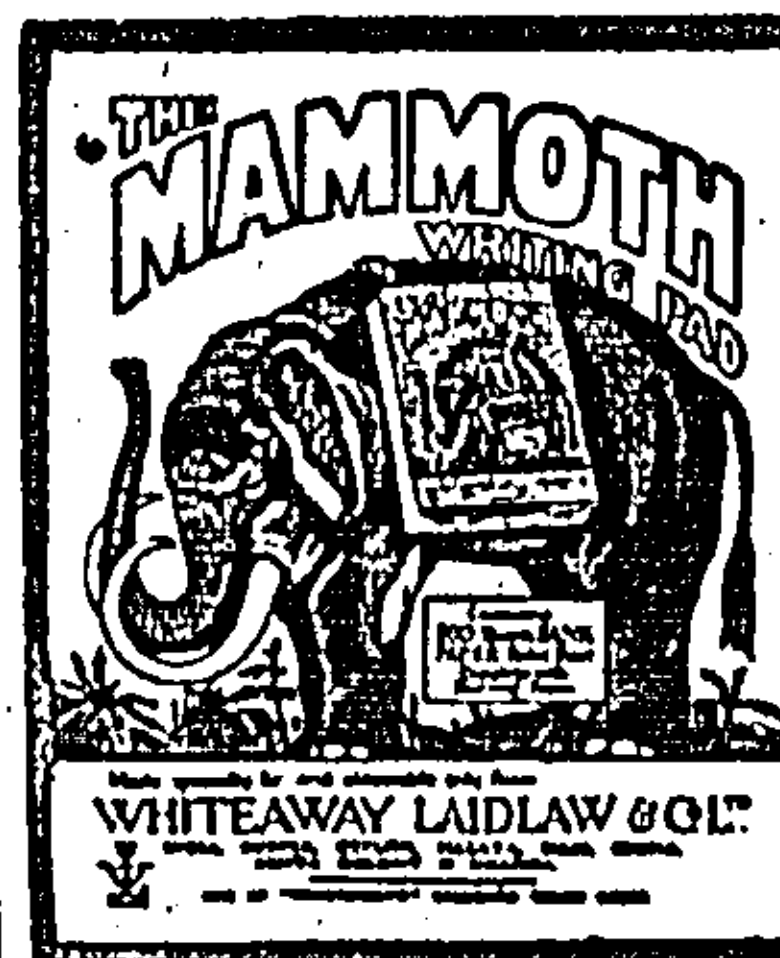
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| SIZE 4—8½ | \$2.90 |
| SIZE 9—11½ | \$3.50 |
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| MAMMOTH PADS | |
| Ruled and unruled | .75 |
| ENVELOPES TO MATCH | |
| Box of 100 | \$1.00 |
| "AVION" AIR MAIL PADS | |
| Per pad | .80 |
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| Per packet | .30 |
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| "CHARMAINE" Monster tin | \$1.25 |
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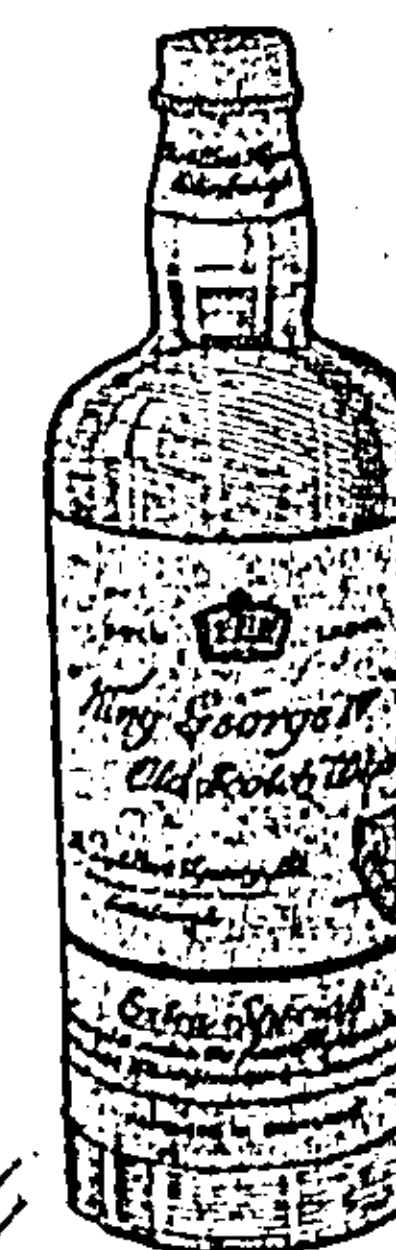
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE,
HONG KONG.

ANNUAL BALL, 1938.

Members are reminded that it is proposed to hold the above function on Friday, 4th February, 1938.

It will prove of considerable assistance to the Secretaries if lists of guests are sent as soon as possible to their offices, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Secretaries and Treasurers.

NOTICE.

The Sergeants' Mess, Royal Air Force Station, Kai Tak, will not accept responsibility for the accounts of any firms not authorised by the Commanding Officer.

Course of nine public lectures
on

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

The Sixth lecture of this course

will be given in the

China Fleet Club Theatre

on

Monday, 17th January, 1938.

at 5.30 p.m.

Subject:—Effects and characteristics of, and measures for protection against, mustard gas.
Lecturer:—Lieutenant-Commander B. M. Douglas, R.N. (Retd.)

Open to all members of the public without charge.

Programmes of the course of lectures may be obtained on application to the Extra Assistant Colonial Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Office.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO
VOLUNTEERS FOR
HONGKONG DEFENCE

(Continued from Page 15.)

should like to say that if there is anything in the course of my Governorship that I can do to help the Force, I shall do it not only as your honorary Captain, which I am extremely proud of being, but also because I know that the volunteer force does form an essential part of the defence of the Colony. I concluded the speaker, (Applause).

His Excellency Vice-Admiral Crabbe said he had only been a few weeks in the post of Commander-in-Chief of the China Station but he had learned sufficient in that short time to know that the Force was a promising child of His Majesty's Naval Service. In the worst typhoon in the history of the Colony the Force had acquitted itself according to the best traditions of the Service in looking after H.M.S. Cornwall and he congratulated all concerned.

Devotion to duty was another fine tradition of the Navy and according to the report of the Commanding Officer it had been well maintained in the Force.

He had pleasure in reading a signal from Admiral Sir Charles Little to the effect that the Admiral regretted he was not able to be present in person at the dinner but wished the Force a successful future.

Vice-Admiral Crabbe proposed a toast to the H.K.N.V.F. which was taken with enthusiasm.

In reply Cmdr. Shields said the encouraging remarks from "the top" were very encouraging for the Force. With all respect to the Government, who footed their bills, the Force always strove to merit the approval of its "guide, counsellor and friend," the Senior Service. Their success in carrying out their allotted task would always be measured by their ability to follow the standard set by the Royal Navy. (Applause).

The traditional ceremony of initiating young officers concluded the evening.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
Demand	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	102 1/2
T.T. India	100 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	81 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Panakok	14 1/2
T.T. Japan	92 1/2
T.T. France	70 1/2
T.T. Germany	100 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

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4 m/s L/C London	1 1/3
4 m/s D/P do.	1 1/3 5/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	10 20
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.89 1/4

CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST CHURCH

Camera Lecture On
Thursday

The following are the forthcoming services etc., at the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hongkong (opposite the Royal Naval Hospital).
Sunday services Jan. 16. Preachers: Morning, Rev L. E. Hickin; Evening, Mr. S. Boulton.
Morning Parade Service at 10.15 at the English Methodist Church.
Evening Service at 7 p.m. at the English Methodist Church.

Notices for the Week

Following the Evening Service, a Social Hour will be held at 8.15. Refreshments are provided at minimum charges; all servicemen are warmly welcomed.
The Eldon Club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Further particulars from the Secretary of the "S. & S. Home".
The House Committee of the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home will meet on Wednesday at 5.30 in the "S. & S. Home".

Thursday, January 20, there will be a Camera Lecture in the Assembly Hall, "S. & S. Home" at 8 p.m. The subject is entitled "The Chemistry of Photography". The charge for civilians is One Dollar and Servicemen Fifty Cents. Club Members Free.

UNION CHURCH

Meeting of the Management
Committee

LIST OF SERVICES

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at the Union Church: Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m.
Lecturer at both services, Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.
There will be a meeting of the Management Committee at the close of the morning service.
The Helena May Christian Fellowship meets in the Institute on Friday morning at 10.30 a.m.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ,
Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow January 16, will be: "Life." The Golden Text will be: "The beginning was with God, and the word was God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." (John. 1: 1 and 4).

Amongst others, the following citations will be read from the Bible: "How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God; therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." (Ps. 36).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy. "God is divine Life, and Life is no more confined to the forms which reflect it, than substance is in its shadow. If Life were in mortal man and material things, it would be subject to their limitations and would end in death. Life is Mind, the creator reflected in his creations. If he dwelt within what he creates, God would not be reflected, but absorbed, and the Science of being would be forever lost through a mortal sense, which falsely testifies to a beginning and an end." (P. 331).

Announcement

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong. The Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 8 p.m. A Reading Room is open at the Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open daily 10.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Evening except Wednesdays and Saturdays 5-7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

JAPANESE FACE BIG
MILITARY PROBLEMS

(Continued from Page 1.)

leaving 300 dead on the battlefield and carrying away many more wounded comrades. The Chinese also suffered heavy losses since this was one of the few pitched battles in which they had been engaged since the beginning of the war.

The second battle took place at Kaoying on January 10, when the Japanese, it was reported, failed to penetrate the region held by the Eighth Route army soldiers and their partisans.

HONAN IS CENTRE OF GRAVITY

Nevertheless the centre of gravity of the entire military situation at the present time lies in the Honan province whose importance it is difficult to exaggerate. Alongside the regular military preparations, partisan units are being organised in the north of the province with instructors and propaganda detachments very active along the Peking-Hankow railway front. Propaganda units at present on this line include one led by Ting-Ling, the famous Chinese girl writer, whose colourful career is known to every literate Chinese.—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGESWAN, CULBERTSON &
FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Jan. 14.
S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

The market to-day felt the effect of the French Government crisis. The Street ignored President Roosevelt's statement regarding the elimination of holding companies, experts saying that this had been discounted, as Wall Street always believed that this was the ultimate goal. The market, however, was more attentive to the President's discussion with regard to utilities, especially his reference to the fact that further funds would not be available for the construction of municipal plants. The Street interpreted this to mean future plans for municipally-owned utilities, instead of privately-owned plants. Business reports for last week were substantially above those for the preceding holiday week.

Bonds were irregularly lower and the market was quiet. Government bonds were higher. Curb stocks were irregular and quiet.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market to-day gave an excellent account of itself and the advance should be extended. Bank clearings were off by 17%.

Cotton: The market to-day was quiet and there was some liquidation. Demand was slow. Japanese interests are reported to be moderate buyers of spots. December consumption totalled 433,058 bales. Exports amounted to 751,000 bales. Sales of print-cloth for the week reached 50,000,000 yards. The tendency of cotton prices appears to be irregularly higher.

Wheat: There are continued lack of exports and pressure of Argentine offerings. The European markets are tending to slight weakness, but there is no selling pressure.

Corn: Producers are unwilling sellers at the decline and country offerings are light, but the resumption of export is necessary to any sustained prices.

Rubber: Shipment offerings are scarce and high. The Ford plants are reported to be reinstating 10,000 men. Some improvement is expected in consumption figures during January.

Sugar: There has been some small liquidation. Cuban short-covering continues.

Car-loadings as compiled by the Association of American Railroads, for the week ended January 8, totalled 552,000 cars, an increase of 95,000 cars from the previous week, but a decrease of 148,000 cars from the corresponding period of last year.

Ward's Statistical Service estimates the production of cars and trucks in the United States and Canada during the week ending January 14 at 65,735 units, against 54,084 units the previous week.

Dow Jones Averages Jan. 13. Close
30 Industrials 131.60 131.64
20 Rails 31.81 31.96
20 Utilities 21.73 21.80
40 Bonds 92.32 92.08
11 Commodity Index 54.57 54.19

U. S. COMMODITY
PRICESLATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 14.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

New York Cotton:
Opening Closing
January 8.53/53 deleted
March 8.58/58 8.59/59
May 8.63/63 8.56/56
July 8.67/67 8.63/63
October 8.77/76 8.72/72
December 8.78b/70a 8.74/74
Spot 8.60

The First Notice Day for March Cotton in Feb. 23, with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber:
March 14.00b/75a 14.73/73
May 14.85/85 14.88/88
July 15.00b/02a 14.99/99
September 15.08b/15a 15.06/06
December 15.21 N
Sales for the day: 1,020 tons.

Chicago Wheat:
May 98 1/2/97 97 1/2/97 1/2
July 92 1/2/91 91 1/2/91 1/2
Sept. 90 1/2/90 90 1/2/90 1/2
Thursday's Sales: 43,032,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn:
May 61 1/2/61 60 1/2/60 1/2
July 61 1/2/61 60 1/2/60 1/2
Sept. 61 1/2/61 60 1/2/60 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat:
May 127 1/2/126 125 1/2/125 1/2
July 117 1/2/117 117 1/2/117 1/2
Oct. 100 1/2/100 100 1/2/100 1/2

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U. S. SHIPS
TO VISIT
SINGAPORESignificance Seen
In Invitation

London, Jan. 14.
Participation by American naval vessels in the opening of the Singapore Base is occasioning some speculation.

The announcement generally is interpreted as possessing significance much beyond that involved in a customary naval courtesy visit. Its strategic implications in view of the Far Eastern situation are obvious.

It is stated in London that the American warships represent the only foreign naval power asked to be present on this occasion, thus eliminating the suggestion made in some quarters that the French or Dutch, or even Japanese, might also attend.

Meanwhile the War Office has issued a statement on behalf of itself, the Admiralty and Air Ministry, announcing that combined operations and exercises will be held in Singapore at the beginning of February in which ships from the East Indies and China squadrons and the Royal Indian Navy, troops of the Singapore Garrison, excluding volunteers, but reinforced by the 1st and 2nd Punjab Regiment and the Malay Regiment, and the R.A.F. squadrons at Singapore, reinforced by some units from India and from will participate.

The statement adds that combined exercises of this nature will be carried out from time to time for testing the various defences of Singapore and as part of normal training.

The forthcoming exercise, which is expected to be on the same scale as last year, will be of a comprehensive nature and will afford further opportunity for studying particular problems affecting each service. The exercise, however, as is inevitable in such case, will contain artificial elements which will prevent any conclusions being drawn.—Reuter.

JOINT ANGLO AMERICAN
ACTION INTERPRETED

New York, Jan. 14.
Declaring that the Singapore Base is generally regarded as "Britain's answer to the Japanese bid for Far Eastern supremacy," the New York Times states: "Any agreement, express or tacit that there is made available to the American fleet facilities at Singapore would undoubtedly augment its strategic utility to a considerable extent. It would, reciprocal privileges extended to the British at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii."

The newspaper adds that any naval operations which Singapore intended to thwart could be attempted only by the Japanese.

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ARTILLERY
ACTIVITY
IN COLONY

Military firing practice will be carried out in Hongkong for five days in the last fortnight of January.

Practise will be carried out from Stonecutters Battery on Thursday and Friday next week, commencing at 9 a.m. and lasting for three hours. Should weather or other conditions prevent firing on either of these days, practice will also be carried out on Saturday.

In the following week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday have been set aside as days on which firing practice will be carried out.

The Stonecutters Battery will be in action from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25.

Firing practice will be carried out from Pakshawan on January 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Belchers, Mount Davis and Stonecutters on January 27, from 4 to 10 p.m., and from Mount Davis and Stonecutters on the following day.

Tenders For
New Central
Market

Work on the new Central Market, which will replace the antiquated building in Des Voeux Road, is to commence shortly.

Government is calling for sealed tenders for the erection of the new Central Market. Specifications call for the erection of a four storey building in reinforced concrete on the present site.

Tenders will close on February 2. As security for the proper performance of the works, the successful tenderer will be required to deposit, in cash, the sum of \$15,000 with the Colonial Treasurer.

ROOSEVELT TO WAR
AGAINST HOLDING
COMPANIES

Press Parley Statement

New York, Jan. 14.
President Franklin Roosevelt, addressing a press conference at Washington, said he was seeking the elimination of all holding companies, and especially mentioned bank holding companies.

He added that the Administration was trying to work out a satisfactory arrangement with local utility companies in areas where there were Federal Power developments. Moreover he said that no more funds would be available for Federal loans or grants on new municipal power plant construction.

He saw no reason why women should not sit in the Supreme Court. The President ended by observing that he believed the general trend of business was better.—Reuter.

TENNIS EXHIBITION
Vines Scores Second Win
Over Perry

San Francisco, Jan. 13.
Ellsworth Vines recorded his second win in their present tour, against Fred Perry today, by 10-8, 4-6 and 6-3.

In an exhibition match Walter, Sr. of San Francisco, beat Berkeley, both of Texas, by 6-1, 6-0.—United Press.

BUDGE, MAKO LOSE

Adelaide, Jan. 14.
Australia is leading two matches to nil in the international tennis tournament against the United States. A. Quist and B. Brodych (Australian) beat D. Budge and G. Mako (United States) today 6-2, 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter Bulletin.

Under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Douglas E. Davis as Assistant Analyst in the Imports and Exports Department. Mr. Davis' appointment became effective on January 6.

STOCK MARKET
REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange weekly report issued yesterday states: The signs of activity noticeable at the beginning of the week were not maintained and the market became slightly easier. The announcement of the final dividend of 2 1/2 for 1937 by the Y.K. Bank did not have the general effect on the market as was expected. The London quotation has since receded.

The Manila market opened firm, but closes on the easy side, though on balance the closing quotations show improvement on the week's opening rates.

Business Done During the Week:
Hongkong Bank \$1,490, \$1,475, \$1,445, \$1,450, \$1,455, \$1,430, \$1,445
Lands \$2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2
Humphreys \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2, \$2 1/2
Tramways \$13.00, \$13.70, \$13 1/2, \$13.00, \$13.20, \$13 1/2, \$13.00
Peak Tram (Old) 90 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2, 90 1/2
China Light & Power (Old) \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2
Electricity \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2, \$25 1/2
Telephones (Old) \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2, \$22 1/2
Cement \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2, \$12 1/2
H.K. Light & Power \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2
H.K. Electric \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2
H.K. Gas \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2
H.K. Water \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10 1/2, \$10

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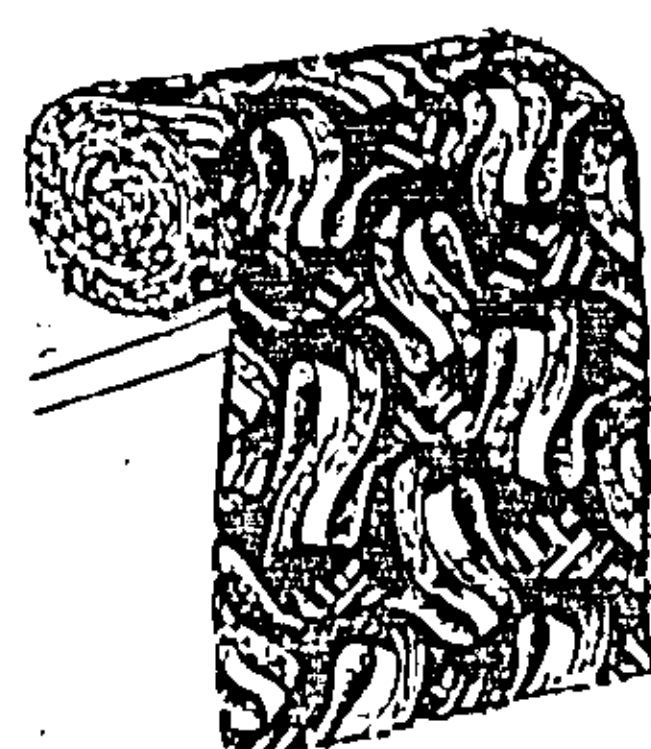
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A Woman "Breathed" After Death

Relatives of Mrs. Selena Robertson, aged 71, of Hull, who was buried recently thought they saw her breathing after she had been certified dead.

Two doctors were called in hurriedly to make an examination, but pronounced that death had taken place.

The doctors said that the illusion of breathing was probably due to wind in the throat.

MAPPING THE KING'S YEAR

This Christmas, before the King and Queen went to Sandringham, they inspected a large chart which records the public engagements of the Royal Family for the year.

The existence of "an amazing map" at Buckingham Palace is revealed by Hector Bolitho in his new book, "George VI.", published by Eyre and Spottiswoode (7s. 6d. net).

The map was evidently started before the present King's reign. It was duplicated in the office of every member of the Royal Family, and showed with lines and coloured flags exactly where and when every member appeared in public.

HEAVY PROGRAMME

In ten years George V., Queen Mary and their sons kept nearly 3,000 public engagements and of those 800 were credited to the present King and Queen when they were the Duke and Duchess of York.

"Every Christmas," says the author, "a separate comprehensive chart was prepared for the King (George V.) and it always reached him at Sandringham so that he could review the year as a company director might review his balance sheet."

King George VI. was an officer in H.M.S. Collingwood at Jutland and the book contains an eye-witness account by him of the battle.

He wrote to a friend:

"The Jutland battle was a great thing to have been in, and it certainly was very different from what I expected. We, of course, in the Collingwood saw a good deal more than some of the other ships, and we fired more than they did. We were not hit at all, which was very lucky, though we were straddled several times. One shell dropped over the fore-castle, missing us by inches."

Everyone remembers the balcony scene at the Palace just after the Coronation—the great cheer that greeted the Queen Mother when she appeared with the newly crowned King and Queen.

She was seen to whisper to her son, but what did she say?

According to Mr. Bolitho, a deaf old soldier who stood in that vast crowd outside the Palace railings was able to lip-read and as he watched Queen Mary he turned to a friend beside him and said: "I can tell you what she was saying. She said, 'It is not for me they are cheering, but for you, my son.'"

SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

TRADE OUTLOOK IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The response to the internal loan of £8,000,000 for public works, announced on Nov. 29, has so far been most satisfactory.

Financial writers and economists strongly condemn the depression talk of the Socialists as calculated to undermine confidence.

They emphasise that the woolclip at the lower prices prevailing will yield an income of £50,000,000, and that other commodities will show a good return in the future.

Australia is no longer dependent on external loans. Her London funds were nearly doubled last year, and commitments there were reduced.

It is insisted that the setback is merely a minor recession, not presenting any economic catastrophe. The Stock Exchanges closed the week on a more optimistic note.

Military Plane Crashes.—The pilot was killed and his observer severely burned when an Australian military plane crashed while on the way from Coolmunda, New South Wales, to Melbourne recently.

Englishman Arrested.—An Englishman, William Grubham, has been arrested following inquiries into the murder of a lorry driver, whose body was found tied up in a sack at a spot about 15 miles from Melbourne.

'DOCUMENT' THAT DOES NOT OFFEND

By Hugh Redwood

CAN the person of Jesus Christ be portrayed on the screen convincingly and without offence?

Most of us at the private showing of "Triumph" at the Curzon Theatre in London went, I imagine, with that question uppermost in our minds.

And most of us, I judged, were wholly reassured on the latter point, if not quite certain about the former.

"Triumph" is a sincere and often beautiful picture, and a real break in the right direction. As Lord Hollenden said, in an introductory talk, it is not necessarily wrong if it departs from nursery picture-book ideas.

HISTORICAL STUDIES

World Commonwealth Films, by whom it has been sponsored, is a private company on a non-profit-making basis, and it has a definite spiritual object—the proclamation that "the secret of strong manhood lies in the values of Christ."

"Triumph" sets out not so much to show us. One who walked the earth 2,000 years ago as to reveal the power of His spirit all down the ages; and a sequence of historical studies from David to Abraham Lincoln is one of its most effective features.

The Gospel story does not figure largely in it, though we see the midnight interview with Nicodemus, the return of the two who walked to Emmaus, and the "breakfast on the beach," described in St. John's concluding chapter.

TOO OLD A MAN

So seldom does the screen give us a satisfying presentation of our own particular heroes that it is probably too much to expect it to do so in the case of the Man of Galilee.

The Christ of this film, I think, is too old a man, and the recording of his voice is not all that could be desired.

But, "a distinct advance on Oberammergau" was one verdict I heard recently, and it came from one by whose judgment I set special store.

NEW X-RAY CURE FOR DISEASES

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PATIENTS

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Discoveries of the highest importance concerning the curative use of X-rays were revealed recently by Dr. S. Gilbert Scott, the radiologist.

Dr. Scott was delivering the MacKenzie Davidson Memorial Lecture before the British Institute of Radiology at the Central Hall, Westminster.

He described a system of "wide-field" X-ray therapy, by means of which "remarkable clinical results" have been obtained in many diseases hitherto considered outside the scope of X-ray treatment.

Certain types of chronic rheumatism, blood and glandular diseases are among those successfully treated.

"X-RAY BATH"
The treatment consists of giving the patient an "X-ray bath." Its underlying principle differs from that upon which existing methods are based.

Dr. Scott explained that X-rays on a localised part of the body. Very penetrating X-rays, for example, were directed in large and destructive doses on to tumours or cancerous growths.

This method, which, unfortunately, said Dr. Scott, is associated with severe upset of the patient, could be described as surgical X-ray therapy.

The new method might be called "medical X-ray therapy." Instead of large destructive doses, small applications of X-rays of medium penetration are passed through a thin metal filter on to the whole of the patient's body.

The dose is so small that any severe upset of the patient is avoided, yet the curative effect is very marked.

Investigations have been carried out over a long period at the London Hospital. Important advances have been made recently by the use of a blood test by which it is possible to register the effect of the treatment on the patient.

No definite theory can be offered to explain the curative effect, but it is suggested that X-rays in such small doses affect the functioning of the ductless gland system. This apparently stimulates the natural defensive powers inherent in the body.

Dr. Scott mentioned that a special tube for emanating the X-rays has been made for the new Charterhouse Rheumatism Clinic now being built. He said that important investigations will be commenced there as soon as funds are available.



Dr. E. L. de Souza, L.M.S., M.B., B.S. (H.K.) one of the first foreigners to study medicine at Hongkong, is a member of one of the oldest Portuguese families in the Far East. During the War, Dr. de Souza acted as Naval Surgeon on transport duty to England. Born in Malacca, he has spent the greater part of his career as ship's doctor, being well-known on the China Coast.

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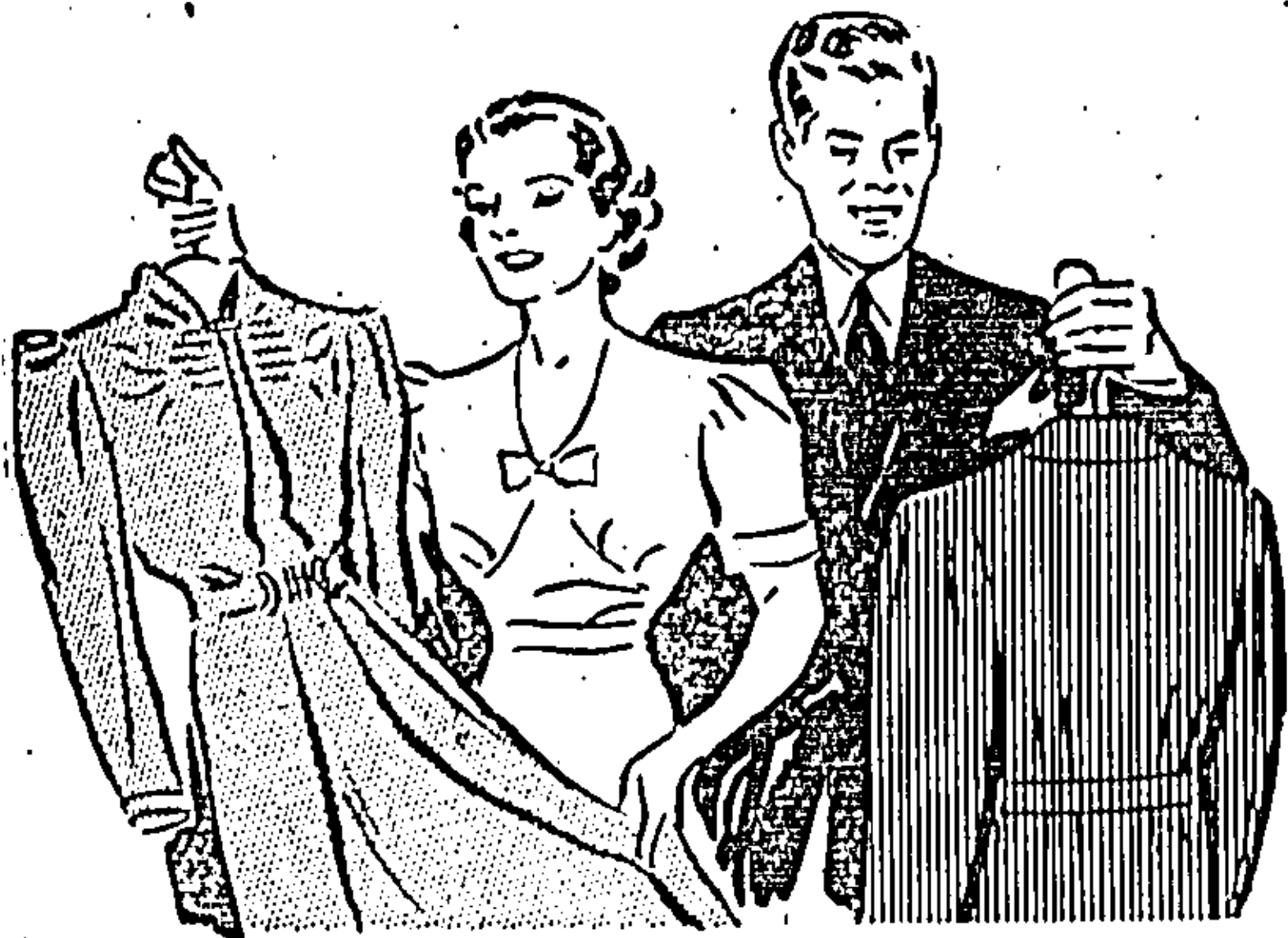


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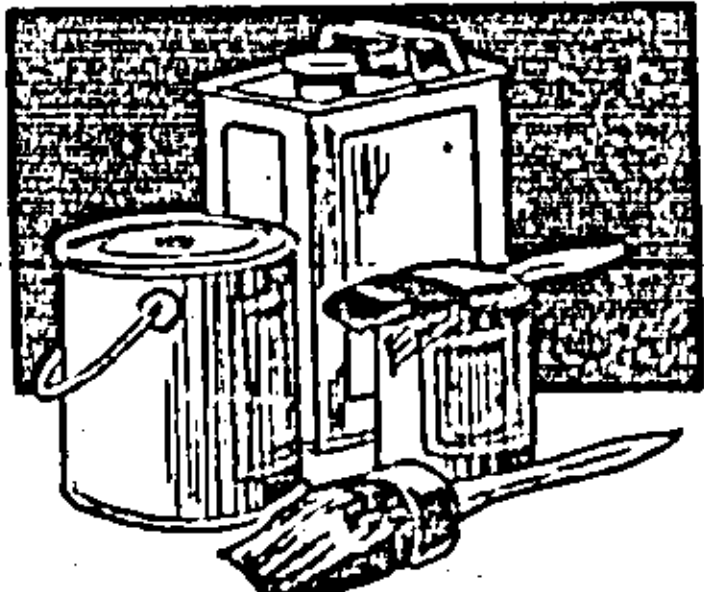
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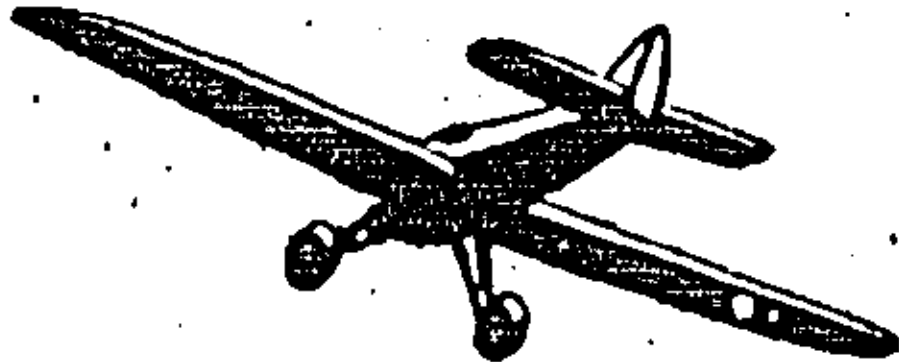
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DOCTORS TELL THEIR SECRETS

Secrets of the two most famous families in the world—the "Quads" and the "Quins"—as revealed by their doctors . . .

ONE QUAD IS A TOOTH IN FRONT

The Quads, children of Mrs. Doris Miles, celebrated their second birthday at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, last month, and Mrs. Miles, proudest mother in Britain, took four little birthday cakes, each bearing two candles, to their nursery.

Those cakes were the gift of the Monkey Club, a group of London society women. There was a host of other gifts, too, which Mrs. Miles and the babies were up early to unpack.

Fond of Music: Someone sent them a gramophone. "They are very musically minded," Dr. E. H. Harrison, their medical attendant—who himself brought a set of silver spoons—declared.

Romp in the Nursery: Other gifts included a big toy St. Bernard dog on wheels, and here was a lot of competition among Ernest, Paul, Michael, and Ann for the first ride. As usual, strong-minded Ann got it.

Putting on Weight: "See how they have developed," said Dr. Harrison. He gave this list of their present weights, with the increases in weight made during the past month:

	lb.	oz.	lb.	oz.
Ann	26	2	Increase	1 6
Ernest	26	10	Increase	1 4
Paul	26	6	Increase	1 6
Michael	24	12	Increase	1 2

"But Michael makes up for his lower weight by having 17 teeth, one more than the rest."

Now They Can Run: "The Quads are a fine family. They can now run about, upstairs, all over the place, and climb like little monkeys. They really have developed magnificently."

—And Talk, Too—Dr. Harrison adds that they are talkative little bunsbodies, too. "They cannot yet string sentences together, though they certainly have a lot of odd words to say."

QUINS ARE "LATE"

The Dionne Quins, of Callander, Ontario, are now 3½, and new facts about them are revealed by their guardian, Dr. A. R. Dufre, in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. For instance . . .

Illness, despite constant attention and isolation from visitors, has been frequent. The quins have had tonsillitis, temperatures, and childish ailments.

Radium for Marie.—Marie had a birth-mark on her right thigh which increased in size until after three applications of a gas given off by radium-and-applied-in-hollow-needles, it has now almost entirely disappeared.

One Limped.—A short while ago one of the sisters was seen to be walking with a limp. Congenital dislocation of the hip was suspected, but X-ray photographs showed that the bones were normal.

"THEY WILL CATCH UP"

Danger of Squint.—Marie has one other defect: her eye muscles are not perfectly balanced. But doctors hope to save her from developing a squint without making her wear glasses.

Talk is Backward.—The Quins are backward in respect of their teeth and speech. But though they are late the teeth are in sound condition.

Psychologists make light of the fact that their vocabulary is limited to about 250 words. These are normally backward, as they manage with a language of their own of grunts and gestures. Another point is that with all the care they have received they have not had the need to make their wants clearly understood.

Intelligence Tests.—Until September they spoke only French; now Dr. Dufre has instituted English at the midday meal. Every two months since they were a year old they have been put through intelligence tests.

They have all lagged a month or two behind the normal, but this is accounted for by the fact that they were born two months prematurely. Experts expect them to catch up by the time they are five years old.

Trade Pact With Great Britain

It is understood that the Union Government is negotiating with Great Britain for the conclusion of a trade agreement to replace the Ottawa Agreement.

Great Britain's negotiations with the United States have, it is felt, reached a stage which allows South Africa to investigate the question of bilateral agreements with other countries. As Britain is South Africa's best customer it is desirable that a trade agreement be concluded first between these two countries. £300,000 Pler.—Mr. Pirow, Minister of Railways and Defence, has sanctioned a plan for the building of a pleasure pier at Durban, costing £250,000. It will be financed by British capital.

CENTENARY WITH HONGKONG



LOCAL INTEREST is lent to this photograph of Mrs. Ellen Finloy, an Australian centenarian who recently celebrated her 100th birthday by the fact that, many years ago, she nursed the Rev. H. R. Wells through a dangerous illness. Mrs. Finloy resides in Kallista, Victoria, and is remarkably hale and healthy, despite her advanced years.

The Queen Mary Crashes Pier

New York.

Welcoming crowds fled in alarm here recently when the Queen Mary crashed into a pier while docking. The force of the impact Bent two steel girders on the upper level of the pier; Stove in a steel door; Demolished a luggage escalator; and Ripped 25ft. off the front timbers.

The passengers in the huge liner than usual, thus missing the most favourable tide.

As she nosed into the pier, the Queen Mary cut loose a large floating buffer, thus permitting the vessel to collide with the dock.

Captain J. C. Townley, her commander, said: "It was a very unfortunate accident, but no great damage was done."

The damage to the pier is said to be considerable, but that to the ship is negligible. The accident carried away about 12ft. of bow railing, bent the jackstiff, and scraped the paint from several bow plates.

Edinburgh, Jan. 1. Scotland's brightest and most luxuriously fitted court, costing £84,000 has been opened here. Every modern device has been introduced. There are soundproof court rooms and hot-plates for keeping warm the food of juries. The "black maria" runs direct into the building.

Miami, Fla. Miami is soon to have one of the world's largest aircraft hangars. Pan American Airways has started excavating work for an enormous twin steel structure containing 76,000 square feet.

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Edinburgh, Jan. 1.

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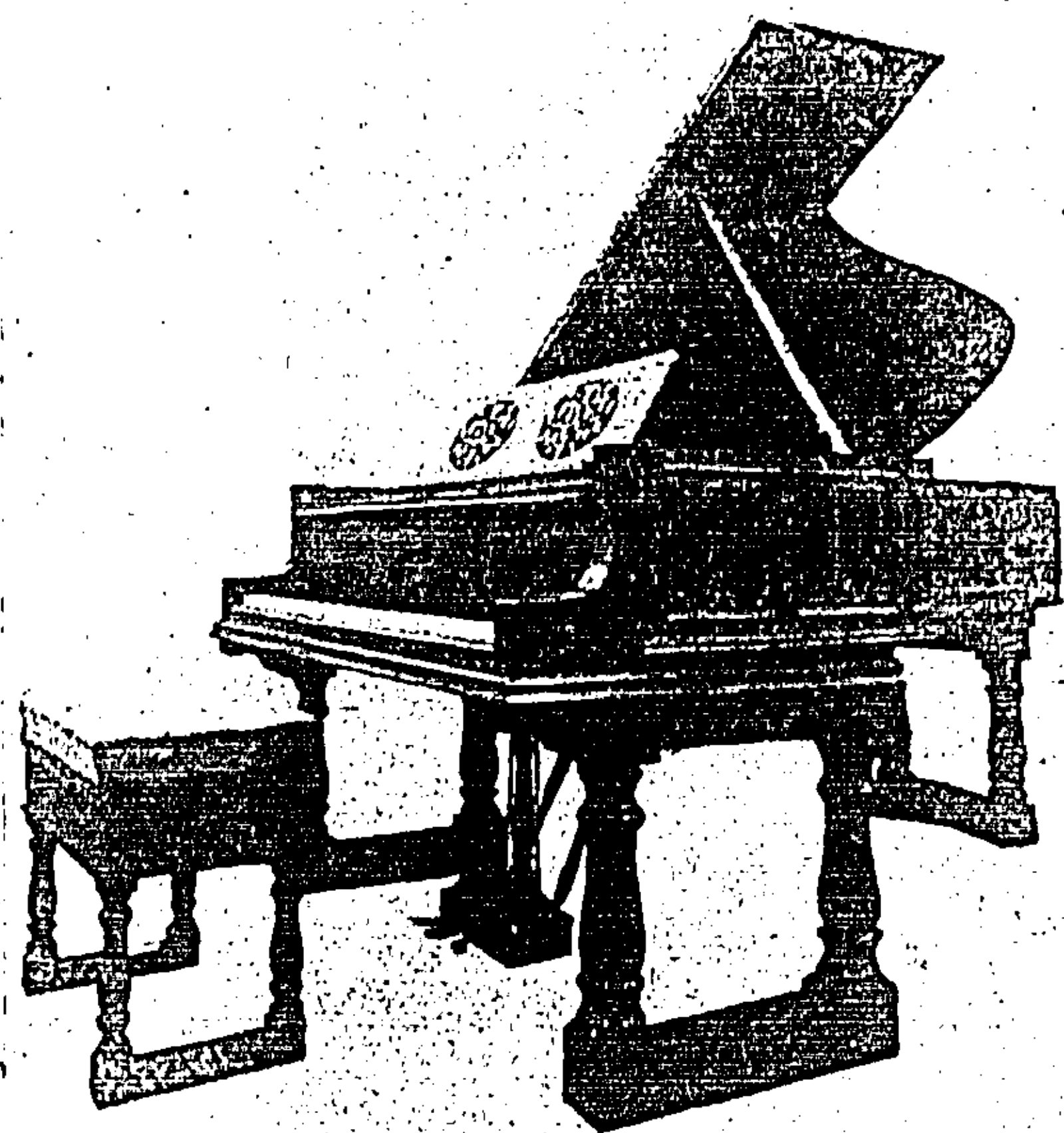
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**ROCKY ROAD TO
REVOLUTION**

There is an odd similarity between the two most bitterly opposed political systems of this age, Communism, as the Russians know it, and Fascism, as preached in Italy and other totalitarian states. Each has sprung from revolution, has progressed, or evolved, through similar stages; each has experienced the blood and suffering and terror and bestiality which are the hand-maidens of revolution. But the remarkable thing about these two systems of government is that, though their aims have been always very different, they seem to have arrived at much the same point, at least at this time. It is, perhaps, because they have travelled the same ugly road.

The Russian revolution was to have freed the serfs of that great country, down-trodden, ill-used, imprisoned, butchered on occasion by the servants of the government. Twenty-one years after the upheaval, when men and women turned to murder to win themselves an ideal state, one is struck by the incongruity of their actual accomplishment compared with their often spoken and published aims. Have they won freedom? The recent Russian elections provide the answer. They were nothing short of farcical. In all of Russia there were only two constituencies where there was more than one candidate. Who would dare to oppose Stalin and the steam-roller party machine which crushes with such discrimination?

"Russians," observes *Time*, "still have their mail tampered with, their telephones tapped, and are still likely to be waked up in the night to be carted off to gaol without warrant or due process of law..." That sort of thing might be excused in states where dictators rule and where there is no pretence of freedom, but in Russia, where Lenin and his helpers thought to cradle world revolution, socialism and Utopia, it seems out of place. Russia's recent history has been remarkable for its executions of political trans-

SPIRITUALISM IN CHINA

COMMUNICATION with the unseen spiritualistic world has always been an intriguing subject with the majority of mankind.

Practically every branch of the human race, civilised and barbarous, has vouchsafed its firm conviction in the belief that the disembodied souls of quondam inhabitants of the earth may be brought en rapport with the living through means of the mesmeric trance.

Thus we find that certain individuals, possessing peculiar susceptibility to the influx of ideas or promptings from the spirit world, are tempted by either gain or curiosity to hold a seance for the benefit of those who would like to receive messages from the departed. These clairvoyants, or mediums, to employ the more general term, have of course abounded in every age, and have, on account of undoubted psychical power, won immense followings and prestige.

Some have been seers, like the witch of Endor who materialised Samuel for the benefit of Saul, whilst others have been mere mediums, like the *pythia* of the Delphian oracle, who were able to advise questioners on the course of future events.

It is such mediums as the latter who have been sought after by the Chinese; for the Chinese mind, as a general rule, is deeply concerned with the belief that peradventure, a prescience of the future may be of incalculable value.

Consequently we find that the people are deeply interested in the idea that an individual's luck or personal success may somehow or other be dependent upon the whims of his departed ancestors.

TO the Chinese, the stability of family ties is so marked that even death is not considered a separation; for the spirits of the departed dwelling in the shadowy realm of *Yan-kaan* or Hades are continually watching over the welfare and interests of all their descendants upon the earth. Hence, if a family should be in great mental distress through the illness of one of its members, or should profess a desire to know whether an intended marriage is advisable, or should seek to discover whether the chosen burial spot of some relative is propitious, or indeed, upon any other of the myriad subjects which concern the daily life of the people, the Chinese naturally desire to ascertain the opinion of their forefathers.

The Chinese are, however, pre-eminently a practical people, and consultations with the departed are not accomplished so easily. Consequently, there exist, as in other lands, individuals who are able to enter into communication with the spirit world,

gressors and the transportation to Siberia of countless thousands of unfortunates who were guilty of no more than a natural resentment at this sort of government.

If Russia's road is one way to freedom and democracy it is high time the world looked for some other. It is remarkable that leaders of nations can be so lacking in discernment that they should choose the hardest way to reform. The advanced democracies can be pardoned for a little self-satisfaction in having discovered the advantages of constitutional revolution and orderly revolt.

By
**T. Paul
Gregory**

and who for a fee will act as a medium for the imparting of intelligence from the dead to the living. In the West, spiritualistic mediums may be of either sex, but in China, the majority of those engaging in this profession are elderly women.

Whilst they may be met with everywhere in this ancient land, it is said that those who come from Kwangtung in the South are the most proficient. In the Cantonese vernacular, these mediums are termed *sheng-p'oh*, literally "sorceress" or "witch." Sometimes, too, they are called *sin-p'oh*, which means "fairy women," although it must be said that the former expression is by far the most usual. It may be interesting to mention that whilst almost every Cantonese *sheng-p'oh* is reputed to be a medium of considerable ability, it is those who hail from the countryside around Shek-lung in the district of Tung-kwoon who are considered by the Cantonese themselves to be super-eminent in their profession.

LET us assume that a certain family desires to consult one of its members who has crossed the great divide. He must, however, be dead at least one hundred days before any communication can take place with his spirit; for the Chinese affirm that the soul takes this length of time to reach the domain of Yama, the king of the underworld.

An important factor, is that those who seek the required information of the deceased spirit must be women; for the Cantonese *sheng-p'oh* refuse to hold a seance in the presence of any of the male sex. Consequently, it has been exceedingly difficult for the writer to obtain first-hand information on the subject;



but he has been fortunate in interviewing a number of Chinese women who had been present on one of these occasions, and who have kindly supplied him with most of the facts.

After the arrival of the *sheng-p'oh*, or medium, at the house where she is to hold the pre-arranged seance, she is escorted by the feminine portion of the family to some quiet back room. Here a table and some low stools have been provided. Upon the table there is sometimes placed the *seung-chaan*, or portrait of the person with whom it is desired to communicate. Near the stool where the medium is to sit is placed a small basin containing rice. Candles are lighted, and *yen-po* or imitation paper money is burnt. Likewise, a part of the procedure requires that a number of paper charms called *ji-chi*, (paper cut-out somewhat in the shape of a Chinese robe) should be burnt as an offering to the spirits.

As mentioned above, no man can be present, and there is also a singular rule observed that no copy of any of the Chinese Classics, especially that portion of the Confucian Canon known as the "Great Learning," must be left lying about in the room. Indeed, it is stated that should any of these precautions be neglected, the medium will declare that the spirits are not en rapport and will refuse to go on with the seance. When everything has been finally declared ready, the *sheng-p'oh* ascends from the onlookers their desires and the complete facts regarding the nature of the difficulty under which the family labours, together with the additional data as to the name, sex, dates of birth and death, etc. As soon as she has learned all these particulars, she crouches on one of the stools and humps up her back in such a way that her face rests upon her knees. In this uncomfortable posture, she commences to chant the following words in the modulated semblance of a prayer:

"Saam-kwoo-tse, sz-kwoo-neung,
Ts'ing nei yan ngoh to Yam-fong!
Yap-to Yam-fong, yan hoh-zz pei
loi!
Ts'an-sok ngoh ts'an-yan—
Ts'an ngoh ts'an-yan kong kut-ua
chuen-loi
Sung ngoh ts'uk-ts'uk tso waan-yeung."

A translation is given in verse, although whilst it is very free it is yet rather accurate in substance:

"Ye sisters three—ye ladies four,
O! lead me to Hades' door!
What would ye do in Hades?
Speak!
My kindred seek, one word to say
Then quickly lead me back, I
humbly pray."

THIS ritualistic incantation is thrice repeated. At each repetition, the medium seems to go more and more into the influence of a trance. As soon as the words have died from her lips the last time, a tremor comes over her. Her body straightens, her limbs relax, and a cold clammy sweat streams from her face and temples. She appears to the beholders to be as a person dead, save for convulsive trembling of her lips, which now and again dribble saliva.

She is now said to be en rapport with the spirit world, and her clients may now interrogate her. Her answers are given in a high unnatural voice, which at times shrieks with crescendo force.

"What do you see?" she may be asked.
"Nothing, nothing! It is so dark. I can't see anything," is the reply.

"Now what do you see?"

"It is a little lighter now. Ai-ya, yes, I can see much better now. Yes! yes! I see houses—many, many.....!"

"Do you see any people?"

"No not yet. Ai-ya—yes, yes! I do now. I see them. They look so thin and sorrowful. Ah, one is approaching me."

Ai-ya-a-a! I recognise him. He is the one you seek. (Here the hand of the medium stretches forth, and grasping a handful of rice casts it in the direction of the interlocutor.)

THE identity of the one established, the *sheng-p'oh* is now in a position to answer all manner of questions regarding the deceased spirit, which now begins to converse with the members of its former family through the agency of the medium.

At length, after the curiosity of the family has been gratified, the seance may be declared over. The medium is roused from her trance, by having her name shouted three times in her ear, and she goes through all the rigmarole of rhythmic convulsions. Each limb seems to gradually recover its sensibility, and at length she sits up rubbing her eyes and yawning as if waking from a deep sleep.

She rises to her feet, and going to the table washes her eyes with some *shing-shui* or "holy water" (made by mixing the ashes from a burnt charm with a quantity of clear water). After this is done, she burns some imitation paper money as an offering to the spirits and, business-like, demands her fee (which may be any amount from 50c upwards) and takes her departure.

It may be interesting to note that the deities who are invoked in this incantation are supposed to be the *tsai-tai* or "seven sisters," the Chinese name for the Pleiades. (See the *Fortnightly* article in the Pleiades Supplement of the *Telegraph*, Saturday, August 14, 1937.)

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

A certain local golfer has such a fine opinion of himself that its stymie was called the bogey man.

Cheese is still an important item of army food. Even so, there are stillons left.

Cheer up! It's only 344 days to Christmas.

We overheard a newcomer say that he can't get a decent egg in Hongkong. He should import a few ostriches.

A writer in a London journal asserts that it's wrong to restrain girls too much. If they don't advertise themselves they're liable to be left on the shelf.

The accordion is said to be an easy instrument to play. We thought it had too many ins and outs.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club intends to fix a limit to the number of a player's clubs. What does it matter, so long as it is a round number?

The latest craze among pet owners in Britain is the acquisition of freaks, such as white sparrows, white blackbirds etc. In Hongkong several race pony owners have discovered that they own white elephants.

It is said that the Navy recruiting authorities find difficulty in securing good cooks. Perhaps it's because some cooks feel bad at sea.

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TRAIN-BEARERS at the Sanderson-Lane wedding at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, this week. Joan and Ann Wodehouse, pictured above by the "Telegraph" photographer, made a delightful study.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH was taken after the Christening at the Union Church last Sunday of Rosemary Joan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrop.—Moo Choung.

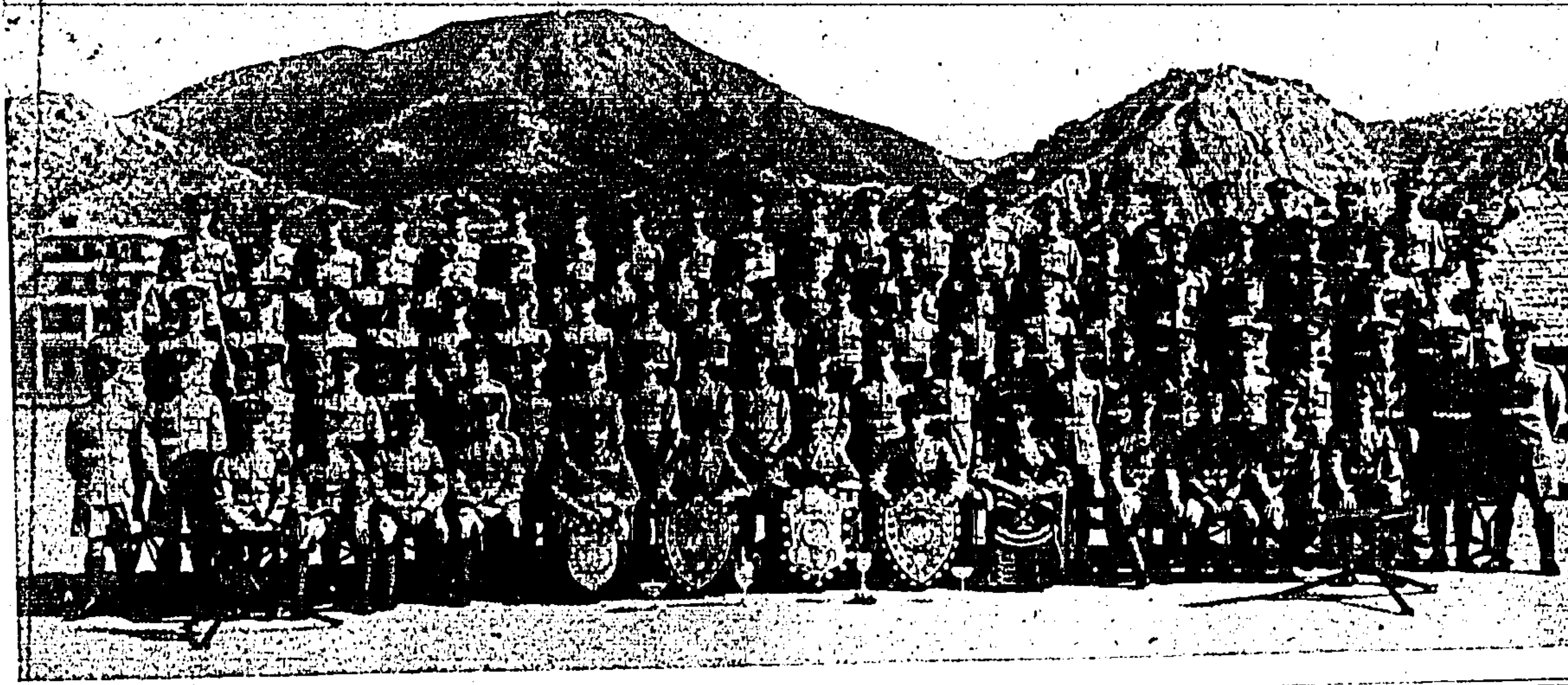
Noted Explorer Brings Baby Panda To H.K.



THIS RARE PLAYMATE is a Giant Panda, brought to Hongkong by plane from Hankow this week by Mrs. W. H. Harkness, who is pictured above by the "Telegraph" photographer.



A HAPPY GROUP of youngsters at a birthday party in honour of the son of Dr. and Mrs. G. I. Shaw.—Ming Yuen.

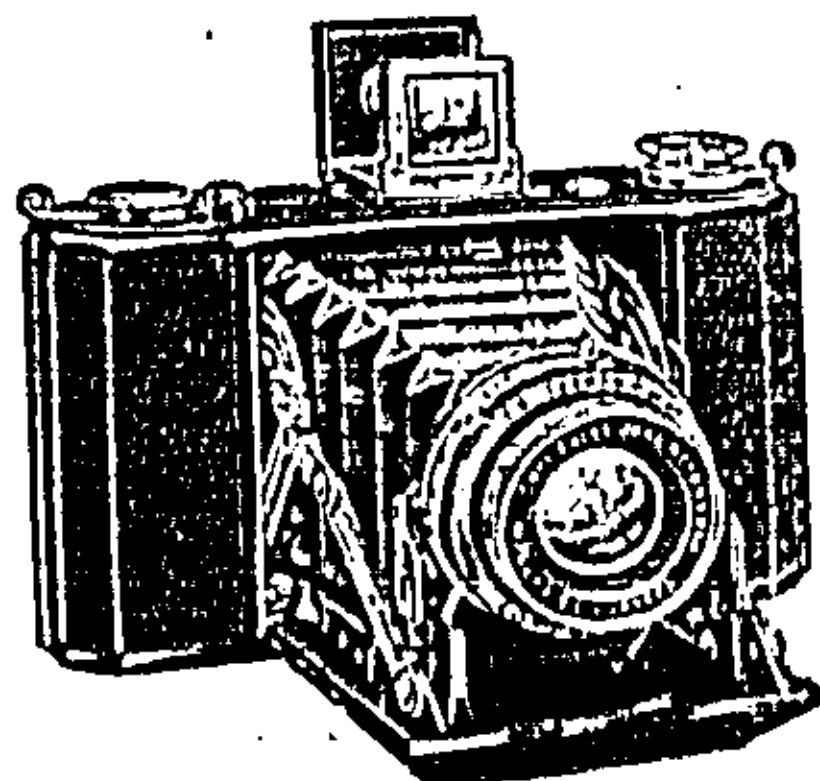


GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF OFFICERS and members of the First Bn., The Middlesex Regiment, taken at Shamshuiipo recently.—Ming Yuen.

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photography...
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moments?

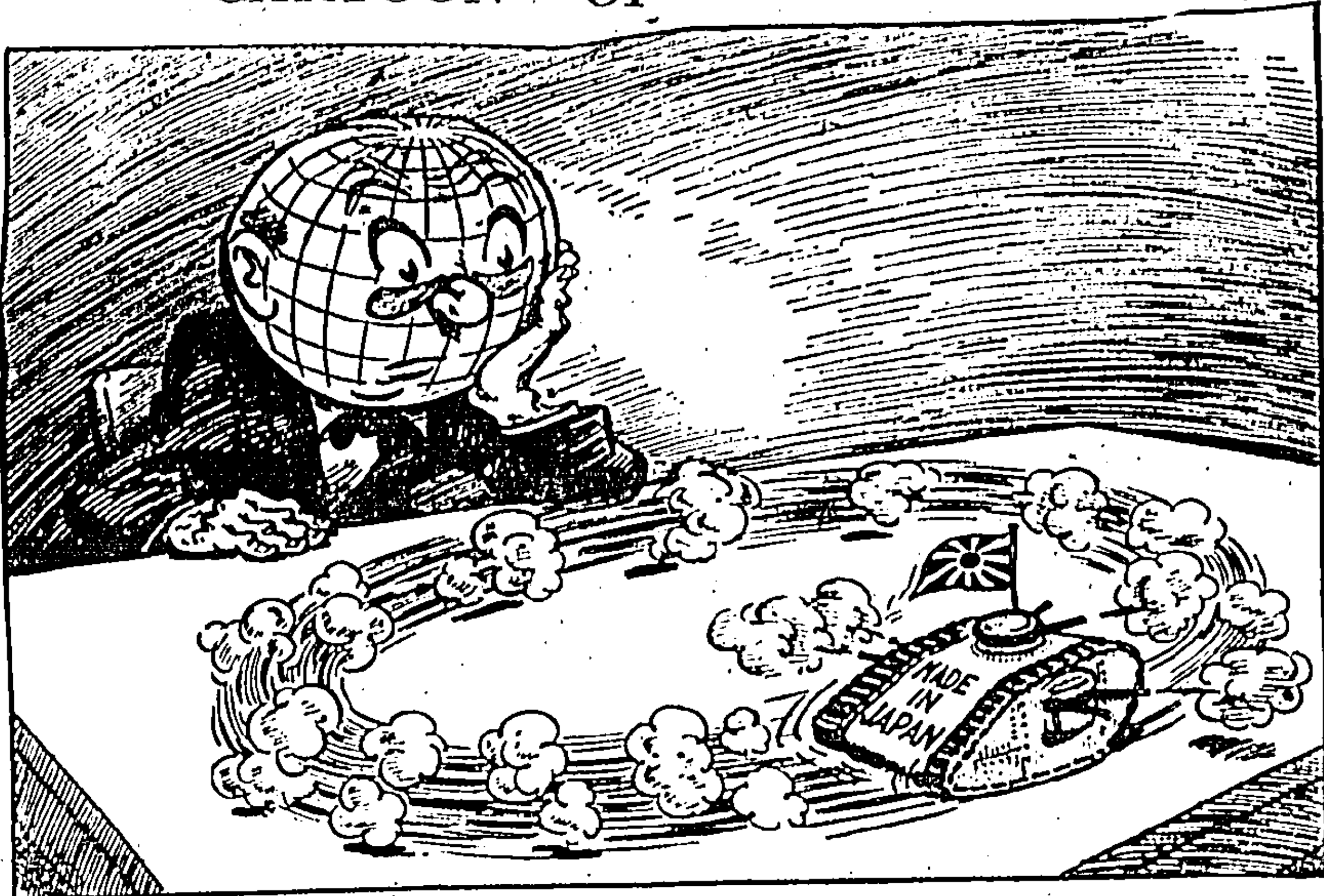
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How good a detective
are you?

A BRISK breeze blowing billowing clouds across its face, the moon smiled down at the charity bazaar fairyland on the Van Mun estate. A young couple passed. Fore-dney sighed pensively.

A cry from the house aroused him. In the library he found his host staring at an open safe. Van Mun told the Professor that while he had opened it to get his wife's jewels the telephone in an alcove off the room had rung and, as it was only a few steps, he had left the safe open while he answered it. When he returned the safe was rifled.

Several people, attracted by the commotion, entered the room. There was tall Harvey Wellman, eminent lawyer; John Batlow,

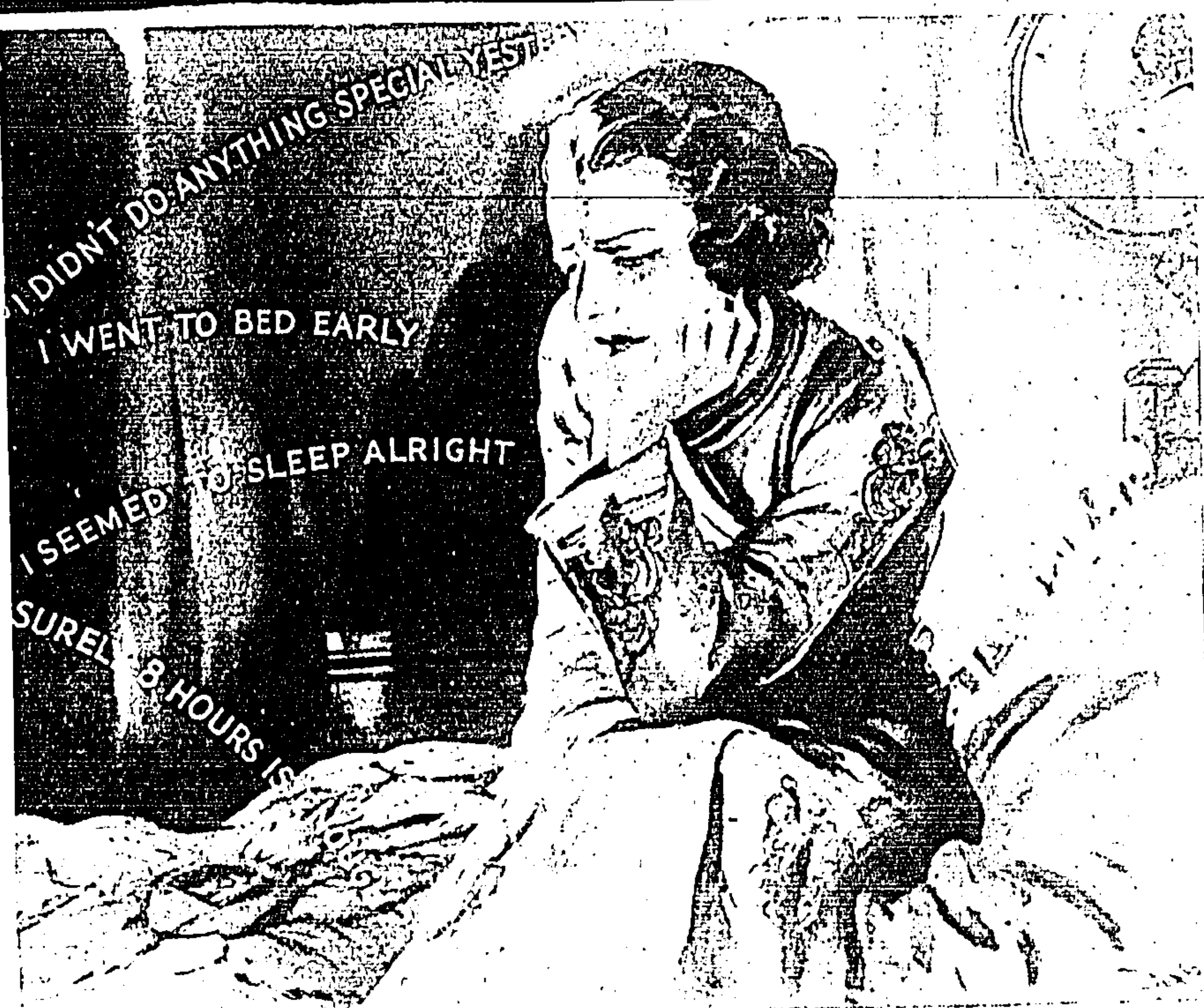
distinguished physician; slim Amina Silvka, faultlessly coiffured blue-black hair and simple white evening gown setting off the pallor of beautiful skin and scarlet lips; tall, impeccably gowned Inez Verona, of the Mona Lisa smile; her fiancé, nervous Andrew Slade, darting quick glances about the room; Harvey Lodge, brilliant, impoverished young artist; and Homer Lenton, a gentleman of no occupation.

Slade, Amina, and Lenton said they had rushed in from the terrace at the time of the robbery; the others admitted they were in the house.

The Professor mused. The safe could not be seen from the alcove! He would certainly question—privately.

Whom would Forendy question, and why?

Solution is upside down on Page Three.



Why am I so tired
this morning?

The morning should find you alert in mind and vigorous in body. If your sleep has failed to dispel the fatigue of yesterday and you awake tired, weary and listless, there is a definite cause.

Either you did not obtain the necessary hours of restful sleep, or your sleep, unknown to you perhaps, was restless. If the latter, the most likely cause is faulty nutrition. You have probably gone to bed without providing Nature with the right form of nutriment—that complete and easily assimilated nourishment so essential for repairing the daily wear and tear on your system and creating ample reserves of energy.

Start the 'Ovaltine' habit to-night and exchange Morning Tiredness for that "top-of-the-morning" feeling. But be sure it is 'Ovaltine'—there is definitely nothing "just as good."

OVALTINE

OF COURSE YOU KNOW, BUT ARE YOU SURE?

By The Dragoman

WITS and pencils sharpened? You need both when you settle down to your knotty problems. "Make 'em harder," say some. "Make 'em easier," say others. "Make 'em f.a.q. (meaning fair average questions)," say I. Then we're all happy.

You all know the rules. No peeking at the answers first. No guessing. No copying from the girl in the ferry seat in front. Two points for each correct answer. You Pass with 30. Forty is Splendid. Fifty entitles you to put D.D. after your name. (D.D.—Dragoman Degree.)

1. If you've ever possessed a Hongkong and Shanghai Bank \$10 note you'll surely remember that the watermark is:
Profile of King George VI; profile of the Prince of Wales; Britannia; a reproduction of the bank building; profile of King George VI.
2. Hannibal was a great Carthaginian general who conducted a Punic war, wayback—and attached to his army was a large number of:
Leopards; tigers; rhinoceroses; elephants; Red Indians.
3. Japan has a nice little job on her hands subduing China, because China is exceeded in size only by:
United States of America; Australia; Soviet Russia; Argentina; Brazil; Europe.
4. We've been hearing lots about monsoons lately, but the papers haven't explained that a monsoon is:

A typhoon; an animal that kills snakes; a trade wind; French for "young gentleman"; a moon festival; a depression (weather).

Lord Byron wrote some poetry about a corsair, but you don't have to know Lord Byron, or his poem, to know that a corsair means:

A part of a horse's mane; a large fish; a pirate; a native of Corsica.

The man in the picture is Sir



Charles Little. He is just retiring from the Command of the China Squadron, his rank being:
Admiral; vice-Admiral; rear-Admiral; Commodore; Flag Captain.

self champion singles player of Australia. His name is:
Bromwich; Crawford; Quist; McGrath; Hopman; Budge.

If you've got a telephone and live at Fanling, the first digit of your telephone number is bound to be:
One; two; three; four; five; what have you?

"He maketh me to lie down in the green pastures . . . and if you can't quote these next seven words you've failed in this week's Scripture test, and incidentally lose two points.

In his grocery days Murgatroyd had only one weight for his shop scales—and it weighed 40lb. Picture Murgatroyd's annoyance one day when the village blacksmith smashed the 40lb. weight into four pieces. "Listen," said the V. B. "With these four pieces you can now weigh any poundage between one and 40. What were the weights of the pieces?"

The Seychelles are a bunch of 92 islands in the Indian Ocean belonging to:
Great Britain; Norway; France; Japan; Siam.

You've seen a lot of flags painted on the hulls of ships in Hongkong lately so you should be able to say that the national flag of one of these countries has a blue triangle in its design:
Germany; Sweden; Czechoslovakia; Norway; Italy; Jugoslavia.

So you're pretty good at spelling, eh? Then you won't have any trouble pointing out that the word misspelled here is:
Accommodate; isosceles; iridescent; irremediable; tonsillitis; desiccate.

Mr. C. E. Dodgson was a mathematician and in his spare time he was a story writer. Of course, his most famous book was:
Goldilocks; Tanglefoot Tales; Alice in Wonderland; The Jungle; Pigs Is Pigs.

A kopje . . . a kopje . . . Now, you South Africans, a kopje is:

A small goat-like animal; a Boer's hut; a hill; a fort; a weird weed.

Can you remember the days when a sovereign could be changed into 21 coins all about the same size. What were the coins?

Of course you know, but are you sure that the capital of Hongkong is:
Palmerston; Victoria; Hongkong; Kowloon; Stanley; London.

Speaking of capitals, you'll lose two points if you can't remember that the capital of China is:
Peking; Nanking; Chungking; Canton; Tokyo.

When you attribute Machiavellian qualities to a person you mean he or she is:
deeply religious; lighthearted and witty; scheming and unscrupulous; bigoted; headstrong and perverse.

The Colonial Office must be all jittery about Hongkong, which it administers. An head of this Department, the most jittery man would be:
Leslie Horne-Balisha; Malcolm MacDonald; William Ormsby-Gore; Viscount Halifax; Sir Kingsley Wood.

Talking of the government of Hongkong, do you know that Sir Andrew Caldecott, our former Governor, is now Governor of:
Malaya; Ceylon; Gambia; Mauritius; St. Helena.

Some people pronounce the word eclogue ek-log and others ek-long. Neither pronunciation alters the fact that an eclogue is:
A song; the last part of a story; the first part; a poem; a pastoral dance.

The waters of the Aratura Sea lap the shores of:
Eastern Asia; North Africa; West Africa; Japan; Australia; Ireland.

Grammar good, eh? Well, take this one quietly. Which statement is correct:
Seven and nine IS fifteen, or seven and nine ARE fifteen.

(Answers on Page 3.)

Light-Fingered
Lily Deepwaller

EPISODE
FROM
INSPECTOR
PLAYFAIR'S
NOTEBOOK

THE conviction of Lily Deepwaller—"Light-Fingered Lily"—her friends called her—was not exactly a triumph for Sergeant Dumbell. However, all's well that ends well, as Joshua Playfair-unoriginally remarked.

It was on a foggy morning in November that he first introduced Lily to Dumbell's notice. "That you, Dumbell?" was his greeting when, in answer to his summons, his subordinate appeared. "Sit down and take some instructions; I'm in a hurry."

Dumbell obediently produced his notebook. "Put this down," said Playfair. "Miss Lily Deepwaller, of 15b, Catamaran Gardens, S.W. Know it? It's a block of flats, somewhere off Basinghall Road. Miss Lily Deepwaller, Dumbell, is one of our more competent women crooks."

Fellow of
Infinite Mirth

He took up a paper from his desks. "Three—four—five, thefts—jewellery mostly, in one case furs—believed to stand to her account. The last one was the burglary at Mrs. Edmitch's, a couple of days ago. But so far, Dumbell, we haven't the evidence we want. We're fairly sure that our Lily does the thieving; we know that, in three of the five cases at least, the stolen articles have been disposed of by Mr. Isaac Hoopinghoo. You know Hoopinghoo?—a fat, genial fellow with a fund of funny stories. Well, he and Lily are in the game together."

Dumbell looked up from his notes. "If you know all that, sir, why don't you pull in Hoopinghoo and get him to spill on Lily?"

"Ah!" said Playfair. "I thought you might ask me that. Glad to see the grey matter so active, Dumbell. However, there are two answers to your question.

"The first is that Hoopinghoo wouldn't spill on Lily anyway. Chaps like him don't; they've nothing to gain and quite a bit to lose. The second is that, unless we can get evidence against Lily, there's not much of a case against Hoopinghoo."

"Tax him with receiving stolen property and he'll fob us off with some cock-and-bull story. But prove—as I hope to do—the connection between him and his pal Miss Deepwaller, and we've something pretty definite to go on."

"Yes," said Dumbell. "Yes, I set the idea, sir. And what I've got to do is to trail this girl Deepwaller, in the hope that the trail leads me to Hoopinghoo?"

"You've got it in one," said Playfair. And Sergeant Dumbell's performance fell short of his intentions. He was waiting, that afternoon, outside Miss Deepwaller's flat when she emerged dressed for the street. An experienced "trailer" he had no difficulty in following her when she set off for the nearest tube station.

But Light-Fingered Lily, though she showed no consciousness of pursuit, was evidently a pretty old hand.

Lily Dodges
Dumbell

At Piccadilly Circus she entered a train bound for Baker Street. Dumbell followed, keeping as close to her as he could.

But at Oxford Circus, just as the automatic doors were closing, Lily nipped off the train. Dumbell, despite heroic efforts to alight, found himself swept onwards.

He knew that for the time being, he had lost her. All he could do was to phone the Yard; where Playfair, tendering ironical sympathies, instructed him to go back to Catamaran Gardens and begin all over again.

Meanwhile Miss Deepwaller, having ascertained beyond shadow of doubt that no one was following her, had met Mr. Isaac Hoopinghoo at a pre-arranged rendezvous.

This was a sitting-room in the Westways Hotel, a modest establishment near King's Cross. Their conversation was brief, but, from Lily's point of view, eminently satisfactory.

"A well?" she asked, as her confederate handed her a stiff whisky and soda.

"All well," answered Mr. Hoopinghoo. "Nice little pocket I've got for you, Lily. Like to check up on it now?"

Lily nodded. She took from a bag a small notebook. In this was scribbled a list of numbers, with various cabalistic signs that had reference to her last haul.

Making Up
Accounts

Hoopinghoo produced a similar notebook which, opened at the appropriate page, he handed to his partner. This bore a list of numbers corresponding to those in Lily's list. Against each was a pencilled figure: the amount which Hoopinghoo was prepared to pay for the article in question. There was nothing about either list which could be regarded as incriminating.

Lily took Hoopinghoo's book and pored over the two lists. Then she meticulously totalled Hoopinghoo's figures. "Two ninety five," was her comment. Hoopinghoo nodded.

"Not so dusty, Ike," said Lily. "But make it a level three hundred for luck, won't you?"

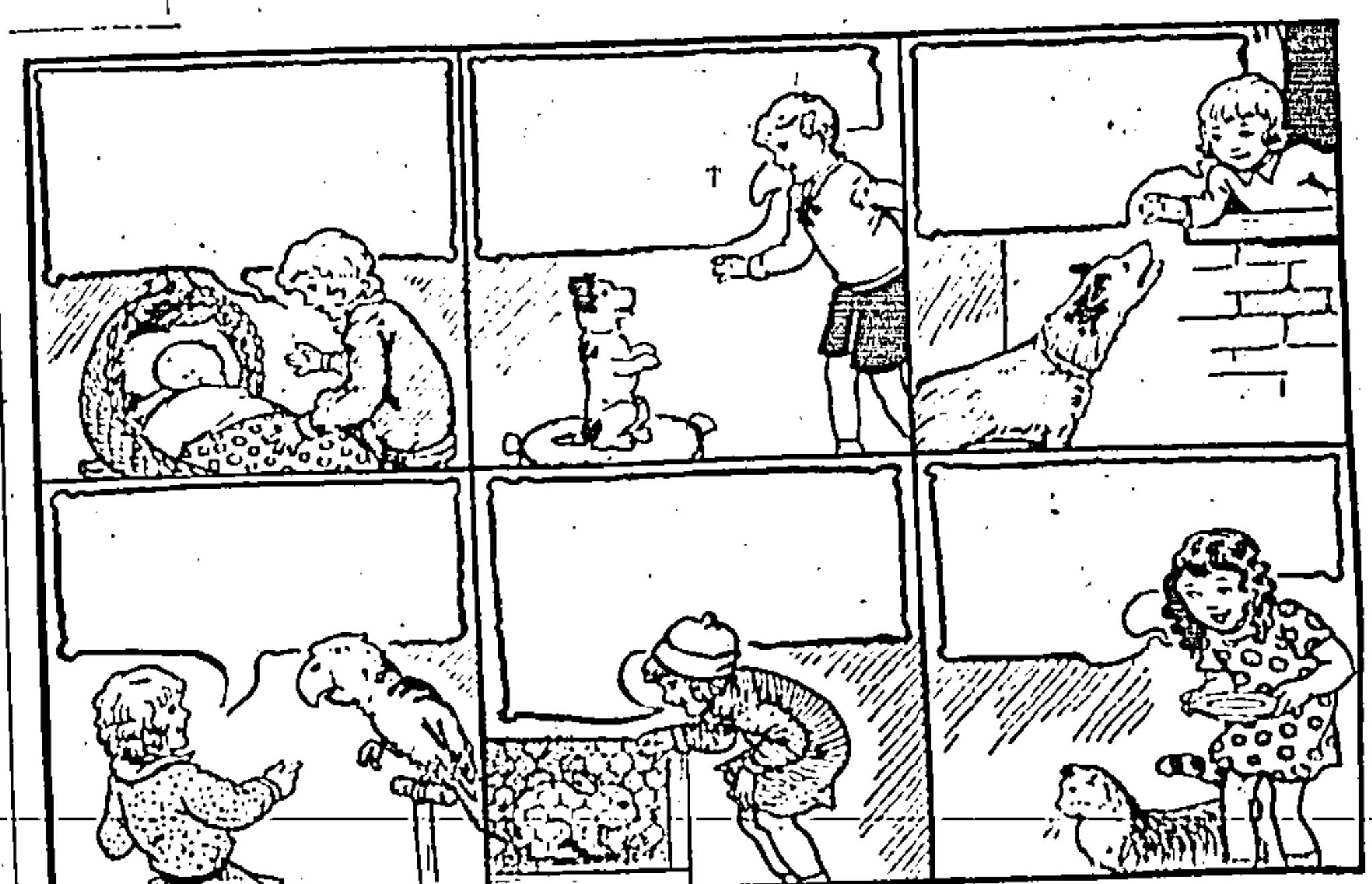
Hoopinghoo laughed jovially. "Business is business, Lily," he said putting back his book in his pocket. "But just this once—you've been a good girl and you shall have it. I'll be sending it you in a week or so."

A few minutes later they parted. The denouement was rapid and unexpected. The following morning Mr. Hoopinghoo, busy at his Holborn office, was summoned to Scotland Yard. Taxed with participation in Light-Fingered Lily's thefts, he denied all knowledge both of the thefts and of the lady.

How Did Playfair
Do It?

He was so certain they had not been seen together, that he felt fully

Girls' and Boys' Corner



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Name Age
Address

Dear Kiddies, This week's twisted rope puzzle seemed most popular with you all. In fact, one or two of you have requested that we have another similar competition very soon. There were so many entries that I had great difficulty in picking out the winners.

However, in the Senior Section, there were two excellent entries that both deserved a prize. So this week, two prizes will be awarded to Seniors.

The Senior winners are Ho Man-chan (aged 12) and Ho Shuk-chun (aged 13) of 111, Robinson Road, Hongkong. I tried hard to discover which was the best entry, but both were very good and I think they deserve a prize.

Mavis Roach (aged 8), of 8, Granville Road, 2nd Floor, Kowloon, wins the Junior prize.

Will Ho Man-chan, Ho Shuk-chun and Mavis call at the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices for their prizes.

Merit Certificates are awarded to: Mabel Churn, Bernd Adamczewski, Mimi Tong, and Eusebio D'Aquino.

Junior: Eric Ribeiro, R. Grimmit, and Leonardo Xavier.

Specially commended for good work are: Derrick Powerman, Amy Choy, Eugene Choy, Wong Chiu-yung, Yacuit Cooper, Feung, Kait-wa, Martin Khan, Doris Li, Maggie Alves, Melba Cruz, Laurence Becker, Helen Ng, Vivian Fong, Suen Ng, Betty Becker, Mable Reis, Antonio Souza, Amalia Sales, Yvonne Blackmore, Ada Foster, Madelyn Huang, Daniel Choy, Joyce Leong, and Elsa Laurel (Seniors); Patricia Combs, Fayay Osmond, Giovanni Pereira, Roy King, Tommy Li, Taini Schurn, Theresa Souza, and Violeta dos Remedios (Juniors).

Derrick Powerman: Thanks for your kind wishes, Derrick. If you call at the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street, you will be given your prize.

A. J. Sumad: I am afraid you are a little too old for the competition. This week's competition is very amusing. Above you see six pictures of:

Justified in taking a truculent line. Was he anxious to help the Yard? Certainly. Did he mind being searched? Not at all. Could he throw any light on the figures in his?

Whatever light the Inspector might require, The figures referred, he said, to certain gambling transactions; and these he circumstantially explained, in short, he was not so much pained as altogether astonished when, at the close of the interview, Joshua Playfair arrested him.

Mr. Hoopinghoo felt sure—and in this at least he was justified—that Lily Deepwaller, pulled in soon afterwards by Dumbell, had not said a word against him.

What then was the evidence on which Hoopinghoo was arrested?

Solution on Page Three



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HOORAY for the NEW EDUCATION!

Professor Lower's Learned Dissertation on the Three R's... Racing Recreation and Rest

The members of the New Education Fellowship aim to reform old methods of education. And about time, too.

Dr. Harold Rugg, Professor of Education at Columbia University, New York, is of the opinion that "a child should not be a passive receptacle for facts, but should take an active part in the process of his education."

Why didn't they think of that when I was going to school?

I'm sure I'd have had as many degrees as a thermometer if I'd been allowed to butt in now and then while I was at school.

"For instance—"
"We all know that Christopher Columbus discovered America," said the teacher to the class.
"I doubt that," said little Willie. "Have you any proof of that statement?"

"You will find it on page forty-six of your history book, Willie."
"Huh! You can't believe all you read. What about that report on the water supply? Anyhow, let it slide. Carry on."
"The Spanish were among the earliest settlers."
"Well, my poker pals are not Spaniards!"
"Shut up, Willie!"
"I'm taking an active part in my education. Whose education is it, anyhow?"
"That concludes the history lesson for to-day."
"About time, too. I never heard such bunk. And, by the way, teacher. About that sum you set us for homework last night. It can't be done."
"Oh, no? Sez you?"
"Sez me! It starts off: 'If a man had three dozen apples, four dozen oranges, and six dozen peaches...'"
"Well, I ask you! Where's a fellow going to get the money to buy all that stuff, apart from the fact that peaches can't be obtained in Hong-kong. And another thing, if I remember rightly, he gives six away and receives two back. It doesn't say why he got them back. Probably they were rotten. But what I say is

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"A child should take an active part in his education" is a sentiment L. W. Lower heartily endorses. He is here shown explaining the finer points of education to teachers, who, he says, did not teach him properly.

Why worry about it? It's all over and forgotten now. Probably the cove who was slinging this fruit around has been dead for years. What's it matter to me how many oranges he had? What I say is...

"Willie! Sit down!"
"Oh, all right! A bloke's got to sit here and just be a passive receptacle, eh?"

A Real Poser
"EXCUSE me, sir," said young Alfred, more or less saving a situation which looked like becoming tense. "May I ask a question?"

"Certainly, my boy! There's what I'm here for."

"Are those baggy eye-lids of yours due to late hours or drink?"

"WHAT?"
"All right. All right. Don't do your block and set it back example to the class. Let's get back to these oranges and things this chap was giving away. What was his name?"

"I don't see that it matters, Alfred."

"Oh, yes it does!" chipped in Oscar, the dux of the class. "If he's the same chap who bought ten pounds of two-inch nails, laid them end to end, and then wanted to know how many nails there were if it took him three minutes to ride past them on a bicycle going at twenty miles an hour, he ought to be certified. It's not safe to let those fellows loose. And another thing, I ask you, as man to man, what class of user is all that stuff to me? Am I ever likely to buy ten pounds of nails and a bicycle and ride..."

"Oscar! Sit down!"
"There he goes again," said Alfred wearily. "Sit down! That's all he can think of. A fine chance a man's got of getting educated in this school. No co-operation. Sit down, shut up, and listen. It ought to be the school motto."

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The Plagues Of Egypt

SCIENCE has been inquiring into one of the greatest catastrophes that ever befell a nation—the ten plagues of Egypt. They have found that modern theories are in accord with the Bible story.

The plagues were brought upon the Egyptians by Moses in the days of Israel's captivity.

Dr. Charles J. Brim, a New York authority on public health, says that Moses must have anticipated by 3,000 years modern science's greatest fear—the use of disease germs, water pollution and other attacks on sanitation as war weapons—in short, bacteriological warfare.

Moses, states Dr. Brim, in addition to being the founder of the science of hygiene, showed that germ warfare could annihilate man and beast more effectively than arms and man power. With it he bent the mighty Egyptians to his will and thus brought about the Exodus, the release of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

With it he so undermined their man power and morale that it became impossible for them to face the hardships of war.

The ten plagues, in this order, were—

A Lay Sermon

By HUGH REDWOOD

THERE are no wild asses in Palestine now, or so the natural historians assure us. But looking around on a world which is so busily building forts and erecting towers, one feels a joy of wild asses that the Israelites, xxxiii, 14, breed is not extinct. The wild asses are having their joy-day.

Isaiah's vision, however, has yet to be realised, for he was thinking on different lines. He was seeing, as other prophets shall be, a time when the spirit shall be poured out from on high, and the whole earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. When that time comes, men will have learned their lesson. They will know what forts and towers are for. They will know (though God alone knows the cost of their knowledge) that peace is made in men's own hearts and not in armament factories.

If that day seems long in coming, its coming is no less sure (Habakkuk, ii, 3). We must wait for it and work for it. Peace is "the work (i.e., the product) of righteousness," and no better contribution can be made to its cause than a heart that is right with God.



An old drawing of the Seventh Plague—"and the Lord rained hail."

came impossible for them to face the hardships of war. The ten plagues, in this order, were—

Changing the water into blood;
The frogs;
The lice;
The flies;
The murrain of cattle;
The boils on the Egyptians;
Hail;
The locusts;
The darkness;
The death of the first-born.

The first step in this carefully planned attack, says Dr. Brim in a newly published book, "Medicine in the Bible," was the pollution of Egypt's water supply.

This had two results: First, it attacked the god of Egypt—the Nile; secondly, it sapped the very fountain of the country.

EGYPTIAN legend said that the Nile sprang from the blood of the god Osiris. Hence, "the waters of the Nile were turned into blood."

Egypt depended on the Nile for its drinking water, on its yearly inundations for the irrigation of the fields.

A polluted Nile was a smashing blow at the water supply and at the crops and cattle.

Nobody could wash or drink. The fish—one of the staple foods—died. Frogs were forced to leave their natural haunts in the river banks and invaded the streets, fields and houses in their millions.

The air became filled with the disease germs bred in this ideal for-
bidding land. People and animals became infected. Flies descended in swarms greater than people had ever seen, bringing more germs with them. Cattle died in their thousands.

DUST, in a naturally dusty country, became infected, spreading more disease and death.

No one took a turn. A terrific hailstorm stricken over Egypt.

The few crops that were left standing were flattened and destroyed. Animals were killed by the force of the hailstones.

Next came the locusts, dropping in their millions on the fields, eating everything the hail had left.

When they passed a duststorm, caused probably by the hot, electric wind known as the hamsin, blew up and darkened the sky for days on end—as sandstorms still do in that part of the world.

The tenth and last plague, the death of the first-born, was a natural consequence of all that had happened since the day the water became polluted.

The Bible does not say explicitly that only the first-born died in this plague.

What it does say is:

"And it came to pass that at midnight the Lord smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon."

The epidemic killed many others, but in the death of the first-born lay the greatest calamity, for the first-born son was chief in every Egyptian household.

DR BRIM does not explain how the first plague was brought about, but if Moses did pollute the Nile it must have been done when the water was low.

It is certain that Moses was a medical genius, as his laws of health prove, and knew the certain effects of water pollution.

Neither does the doctor explain how Moses foresaw the hail, but it is possible he could judge atmospheric conditions with precision.

V. B.

Bridge Problem No. 42

♠ A 5 4
♥ J
♦ Q 4
♣ N 11
♠ 8
♥ N 11
♦ 7 5
♣ K 5 3
♠ J 10
♥ 8
♦ 10
♣ 10 7
W. N. E.
S.

Diamonds are trumps. South leads and North-South must win all six tricks.

Solutions by Wednesday to "Bridge Problem," Hongkong "Telegraph," Wyndham Street.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 41

South leads spade six, and West, putting up his queen, is allowed to win North playing low in an effort to stop cross-ruffing. West leads trumps (hearts), and South wins trumps (hearts). North and South leads club four, which North ruffs with his remaining trump.

North wins with ace of spades, East discarding a diamond. North leads small diamond, which South wins with king. South wins with heart jack, on which North and East discard diamonds. South leads unguarded diamonds or throw his master spade. North discarding the reverse, North-South must win the rest of the tricks.

This problem was found rather difficult, and the only correct solutions have come from A.E.G., Mrs. A.K. and J.K. Most entrants overlooked the fact that West could cover South's spade lead with the Queen.

While "Emjay" apparently overlooked this fact, her solution is not disqualified as subsequent play conforms to the solution. This proved a most interesting problem, and the three correspondents mentioned above were the only ones to notice that West's correct play on the initial spade lead was Queen of Spades, in order to either force North's Ace or take the lead with trumps to prevent cross-ruffing.

TEST ANSWERS

Are You Sure?
(Questions on Page 2).

- 1.—Britannia.
- 2.—Elephants.
- 3.—Soviet Russia.
- 4.—A trade wind.
- 5.—A pirate.
- 6.—Admiral.
- 7.—England.
- 8.—Bridge.
- 9.—Five.
- 10.—"He leadeth me beside the still waters."
- 11.—1, 3, 9, 27.
- 12.—Great Britain.
- 13.—Czechoslovakia.
- 14.—Iridescent—should be iridescent.
- 15.—Alice in Wonderland.
- 16.—A hill.
- 17.—One half-sovereign and 20 pence.
- 18.—Victoria.
- 19.—Chungking.
- 20.—Scheming and unscrupulous.
- 21.—Ormsby-Gore.
- 22.—Ceylon.
- 23.—A poem.
- 24.—Australia.
- 25.—Neither. Seven and nine is (or are) sixteen!

Week-End Problems

PROBLEM I. MISS BOTANY'S OUTING

Four girls found cowslips. The rates of pay were:

- For each fritillary 1½d.
- " " orchid 1½d.
- " " cowslip ¾d.
- " " saxifrage ¾d.

PROBLEM II. STUMPWORTHY'S AFTERNOON STROLL

2,100 yards.

Light-Fingered Lily

The evidence was something which both Lily and Hooping-hoe had overlooked—Lily's fingerprints in, and on the cover of, Hooping-hoe's notebook. The receiver, unable to find a satisfactory explanation of these, talked himself into a tangle; and in the end was unable to extricate himself.

Minute Mystery

"The thief in the night" is a well-known saying. It is a saying which is often used to describe a person who is a thief. It is a saying which is often used to describe a person who is a thief.

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GRAMOPHONE

CLARA BUTT'S name once more appears in record lists, Columbia having re-issued four of her biggest hits, among them "O Rest in the Lord," with which the Albert Hall has so often been dissolved into ecstasies. Such re-issues of performances by the famous have an undoubted historical value. The business might be extended.

When, for instance, are we to hear again the records Busoni is said to have made? Coming to modern times, there is a new record made by Galliano Masini (airs from "Turandot" and "Butterfly") which are of the utmost efficiency, carried out in that true Italian manner which, according to your taste, you will consider either the most exquisite singing or little more than stylish voice production. Technically this singing is a sound example of the high-stepping Latin style.

The December lists include a number of records of dance music, swing music and light music, some good, some indifferent, the rest merely Background Noise. Continental Waltz Favourites (Col.) is a Wiener Tanzorchester record that provides excellent rhythmic playing of half a dozen well-known tunes. The plentiful decorative efforts are amusing enough, but there will be many who would be as content to have the music plain.

Another successful record is "Melody in Riff," made by Eddie Carroll for Parlophone. It is authentic Swing, not of the most highbrow variety but quite peppy enough for normal tastes. The title is beyond me ("Monotony" on the reverse side needs no explanation). The actual music I found reasonably entertaining, though, record for record, there is more fun to be got out of Gert and Daisy playing darts in the persons of Elsie and Doris Waters (Col.) and more amusement from the new Paul Jones record.

H.M.V. have earned the gratitude of Mozart connoisseurs with the record of the little C major symphony (K. 200). This is rarely heard and is of the finest quality. Each movement is perfectly formed and the material is manipulated with unfailing assurance. The performance by the Berlin College of Instrumentalists under Fritz Stein is impeccable.

Another unusual record is that of J. S. Bach's great organ Passacaglia in Minor (Col.). This is a curiosity, in that the work with all its florid convolutions is transcribed for a quartet of strings. The playing of the Stradivarius Quartet is, for musicianship, altogether blameless, but a curiosity the record remains, nevertheless. The change from the manifold colours and dynamics of an organ to the abstract delicacy of a string quartet is too drastic to be acceptable. S. G.

WEEK-END PROBLEMS

By Hubert Phillips

PROBLEM I. MISS BOTANY'S OUTING

MISS BELLA BOTANY took her seven pupils for a walk. To encourage them to hunt for wild flowers she offered prizes in cash. She offered so much for each fritillary found, so much for each orchid, so much for each cowslip and so much for each saxifrage. A girl finding one specimen of each would have received 4d. in all.

Actually, each girl earned 7½d. and each was paid for 6 flowers. No two, however, produced precisely the same collection. Taking their collections as a whole, orchids outnumbered fritillaries, and fritillaries outnumbered cowslips, while only three girls produced saxifrage.

How many girls found cowslips, and how much was paid in respect of each of the four flowers?

"I've been for a stroll in your park," said Stumpworthy, to his host, the Earl of Broadacre.

"Where have you been?" asked the earl.

"Why," said Stumpworthy, "the park, as you know, is a perfect circle and just 1,500 yards in diameter. I started at the Lodge—which is at the circumference of the park, and due east of its centre—and walked due west for 540 yards. Then I turned south, walking in a straight line till I struck the circumference of the park again, and from that point straight back to the Lodge."

How far had Stumpworthy walked altogether?

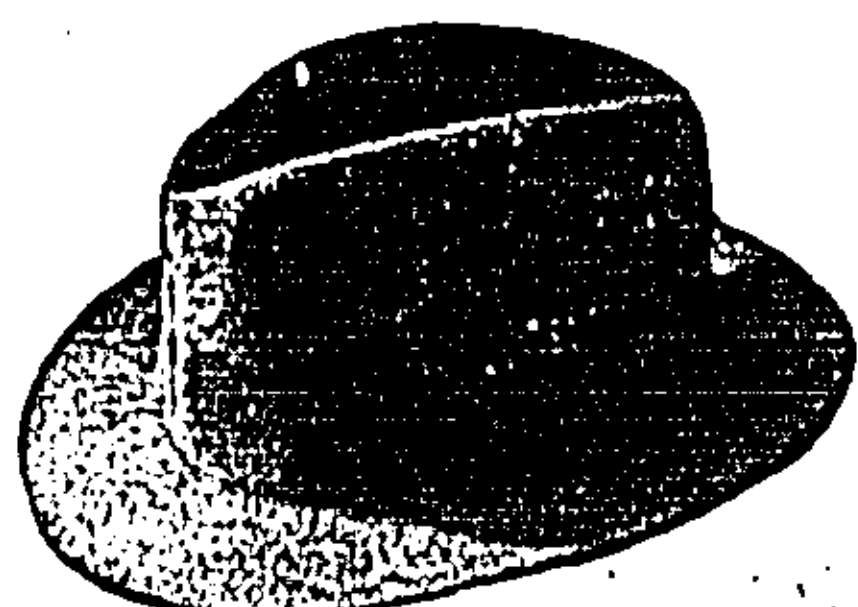
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ABOVE.—The cortege at the funeral this week of Lady Clara Ho Tung. RIGHT.—H. Q. Officers of the Hong-kong Infantry Brigade, photographed at Victoria Barracks recently.



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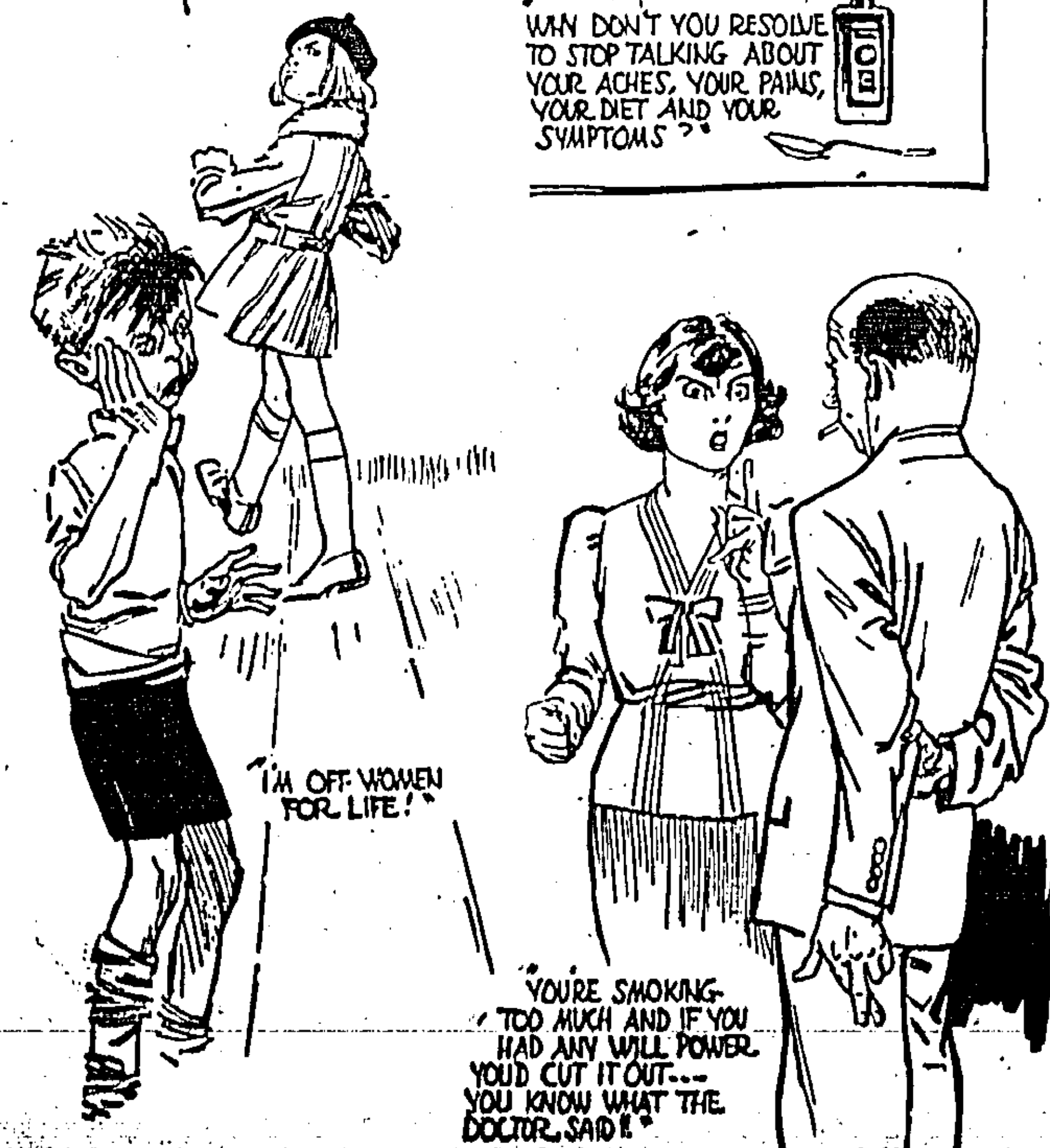
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VIGNETTES OF LIFE. By J. NORMAN LYND



WHEN Franco's now famous "Hooded Men" conspiracy is stripped of its glamour of secret fortresses, hidden telephone exchanges, private ciphers and the like, it becomes the best argument in favour of State control of the arms trade for years.

It seems incredible that the Capitalist Governments, first to panic about armed revolutions, should lead the opposition to taking the most elementary steps to make them impossible.

Without arms you can't run an armed revolution, yet arms are still two-a-penny on the Continent. One of the most profitable of the arms traffickers' happy hunting grounds is "neutral" Switzerland.

And Switzerland has played a big part—not officially, of course—in the preparation of the "Hooded Men" conspiracy which has been going on for well over a year.

Gun-Running

FIFTEEN months ago, evidence of gun-running from Switzerland into France began to accumulate.

Of course, it was all blamed on the Spanish War, and every time one of the small fry was caught trying to slip across the frontier after dark with a machine rifle and a few hundred rounds of ammunition he was accused of being a "Red" in the pay of the Spanish Government.

But the French and Swiss police knew that only a small proportion of the smuggled arms ever left French territory again.

There were occasional arrests but it was clear that the traffic was so carefully organised that only the smallest fraction of the smuggling was ever brought to light.

Trail of Cartridges

IN September, 1936, for example, two young French Fascists were arrested at Annecy, in the Haute-Savoie, for complicity in an attempt to smuggle 83 Mauser rifles and cartridges in a lorry into France.

Two months later, Geneva police raided a house within 100 yards of the French frontier which had obviously been used as a clearing-house for the traffic.

They found a dump of four machine rifles, fifty revolvers and 2,000 rounds of ammunition of Swiss origin—too small a consignment to be much use in Spain, but



"The Absent-Minded Waiter" is how Holland, reflected in this cartoon from "De Groene Amsterdammer," sees the arms dump plot.

a very useful contribution towards an armed uprising in France. It was a trail of cartridges fallen from a car on its way from Geneva to Lyons which is said to have provided the French police with the final clue they wanted to expose the whole conspiracy.

One favourite method of the smugglers was to dump the arms, carefully wrapped in oilskin, during the night in one of the many small streams marking the frontier.

Then, a few days later, they would cross the frontier in the normal fashion, or an agent on the French side would be told where to go and, again at night, fish the bundle out of the stream.

In a year, working at different places, quite a supply of arms can be amassed in this way. In Geneva

it has been known for some time that in the cottages and houses in the small towns and in the chalets in the Haute-Savoie there have been arms dumps of varying sizes.

Now, it would safely wager, those who still have hidden arms are hastily dumping them in river beds or hiding them under rocks in anticipation of the toothcomb search begun by the Sûreté.

And it is all made possible because, without any check at all, any body which has sufficient money can buy any amount of arms in Switzerland, or Belgium, or Czechoslovakia. "The only difficulty is to transfer them secretly to where they are to be used."

It would be simple to stop with State control. After all, nobody wants machine rifles but Governments, gangsters or revolution-

aries, and with a licensing system such as there would be under State control it would not be difficult to see, at least, that only Governments were supplied.

Claims on Franco

EASILY the most hard-worked section of the Foreign Office at the moment, I imagine, must be the Claims Department.

A few days ago, through the British Ambassador at Hendaye, it presented a bill—"a mere matter of £134,500, sir!"—to General Franco.

That was for the damage done to H.M.S. Hunter when she struck a mine last May and, too, for the capital sum required to pay compensation to the dependents of the eight members of the crew who were killed and the fourteen injured in the explosion.

Huge Statement

INCIDENTALLY, it is interesting to note that while the damage to the Hunter is estimated at £124,000, the capital sum required to compensate the victims' dependents is only £10,500, yielding, at 3 per cent., a little over £350.

But the Hunter incident is only one of hundreds for which Franco is about to receive a bill.

The Claims Department, I learn, is busily engaged in drawing up estimates of all the damage done to British property since the rebellion broke out well over a year ago.

A huge statement is nearly ready and will be submitted to Franco early in the New Year. It will show that General Franco is "in account with" the British Government for astronomical figures.

Franco, I am afraid, is going to find out, like other people who make wars, that there is a good deal of paying to do afterwards.

Mayerling

THE facts of an episode in history, which have been kept a strict secret for nearly half a century, may be made known this week, when the heirlooms of a

famous Irish-Czech family are put up for public auction in Austria. Among them is believed to be a sealed box containing the dossier of the Tragedy of Mayerling, in which a Crown Prince met his death, which scandalised the Courts of Europe.

Mayerling was the hunting lodge of the Emperor Franz Josef's son, Rudolf, who had been carrying on an open affair in Vienna with a young girl, the Baroness Marie Vetsera.

Rudolf was married to a Belgian Princess, and for reasons of State his Imperial father, in a stormy scene, commanded his rebellious son to break away from the entanglement.

The Crown Prince at once left with Marie Vetsera for Mayerling, and, the next morning, after a night of wild drinking, it is said, was found in his bedroom shot through the head. On the bed, covered with roses, lay the body of his mistress, also shot.

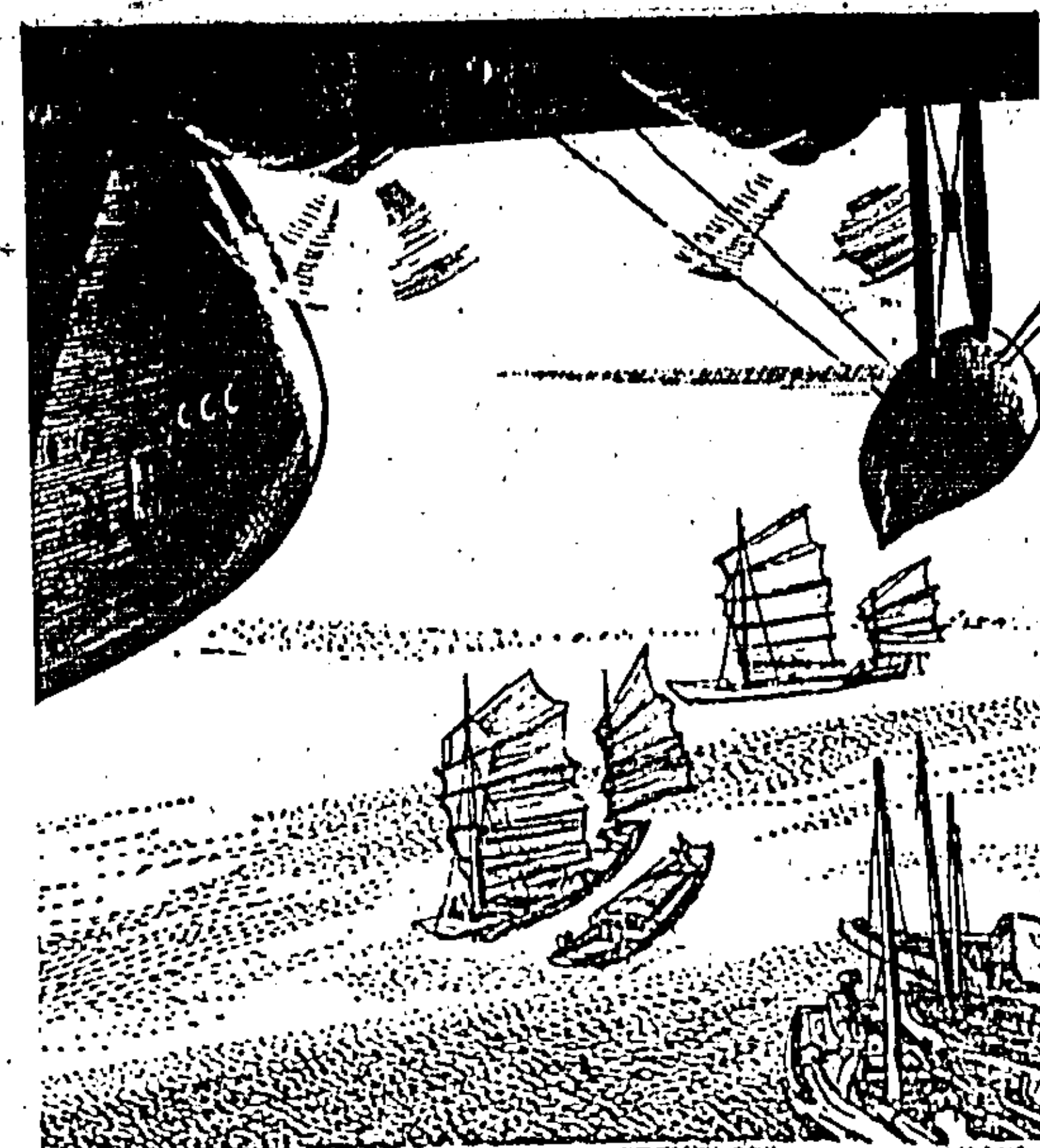
Every effort was made to hush up the scandal, but the facts became known. But whether it was a suicide pact, whether Rudolf murdered Marie Vetsera and then shot himself, was a closely guarded secret known only to the Emperor and to his confidential Minister, Count Taaffe.

So closely was the secret guarded that rumours soon began to circulate that Rudolf's death was the result of a political crime.

"Secret" Box

COUNT TAAFFE'S grandson—who is "in the news" as a possible candidate for the first President of the Irish Free State under the new Constitution—has decided to return to Ireland, which his family left 200 years ago.

The furniture and archives of his Castle at Ellischnau are to be put up for sale, including, it is believed, the box containing the secret of Mayerling handed to the present Count's grandfather nearly fifty years ago by the Emperor Franz Josef.



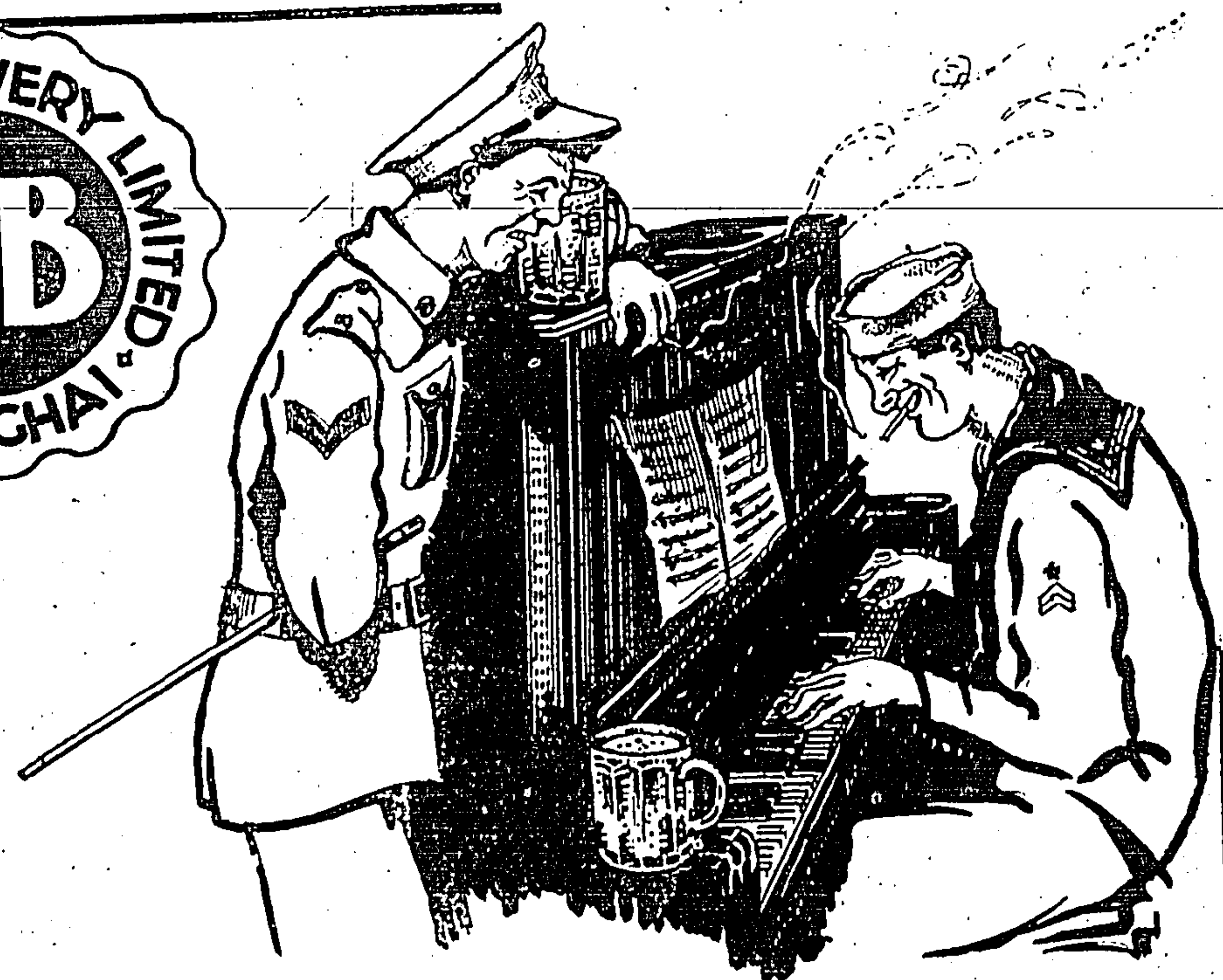
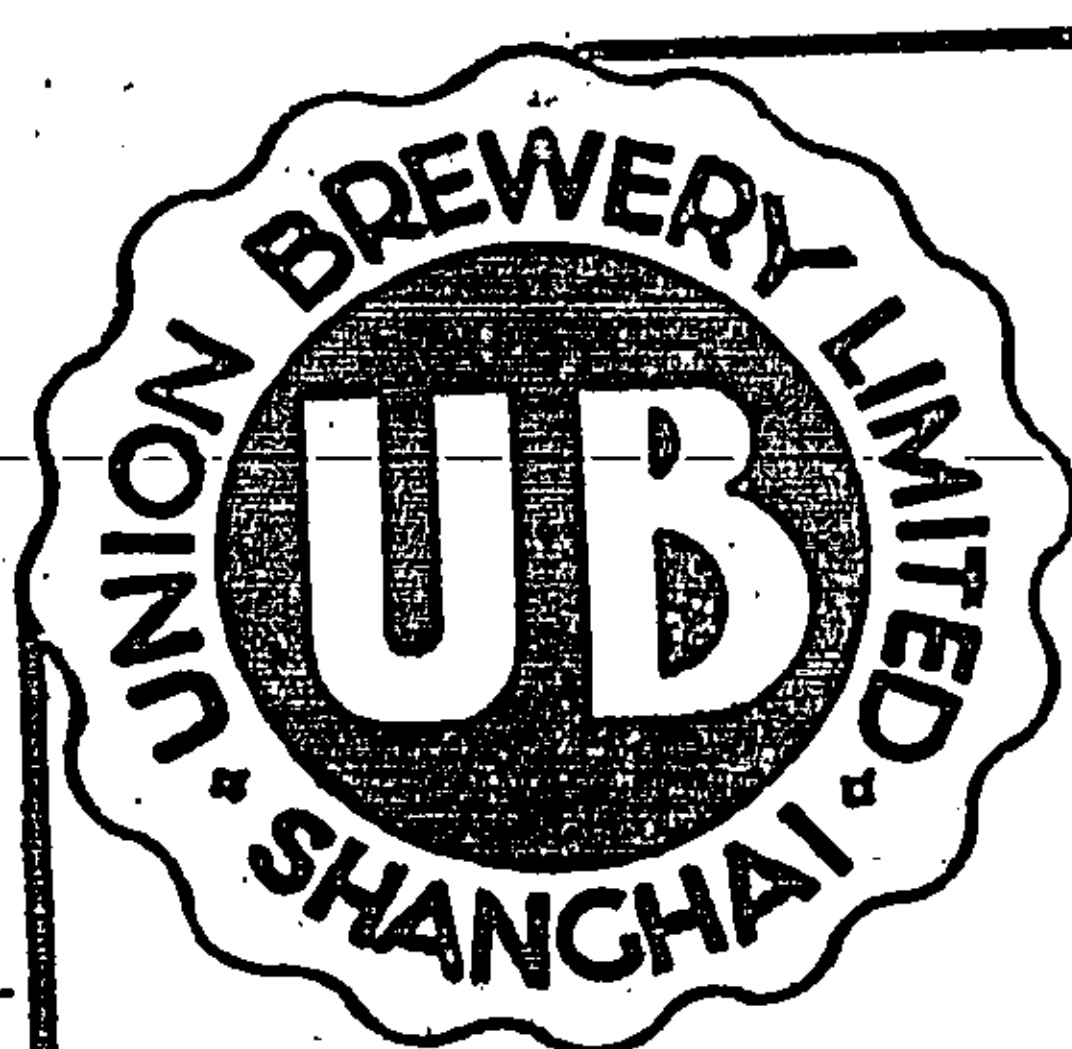
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THE KING MEETS HIS TENANTS



DUCHY TENANT'S WELCOME

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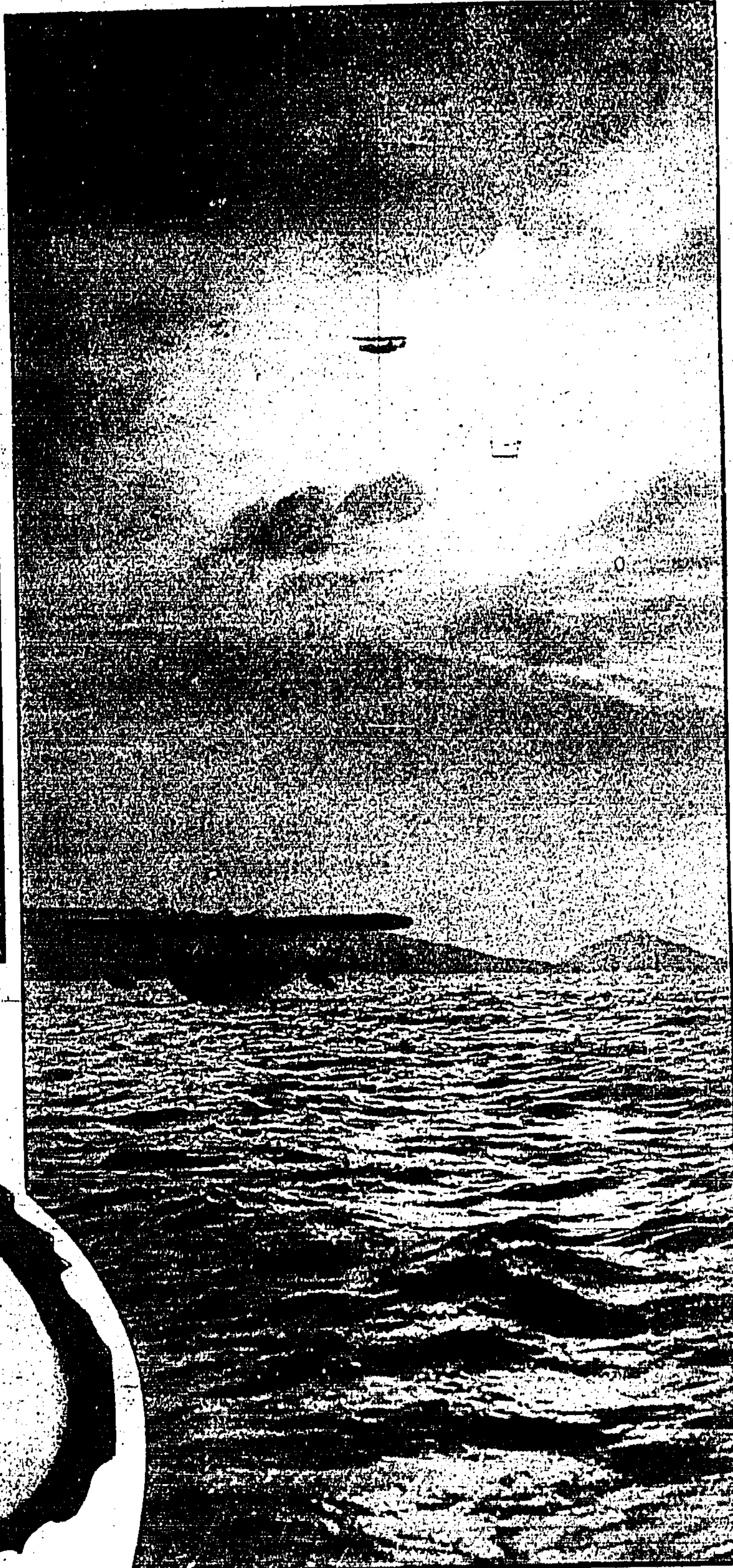
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HONEYMOON IN HAWAII One time actor and painter Oscar Homolka, the American actor who played Kruger in the film "Hindes of Africa," was married to Harriette Vally Hail at the Carlton Hotel, Westminster, recently. They spent Christmas in Budapest and left later for their honeymoon in Hawaii.



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LEAGUE FOOTBALL RETURNS TO NORMAL AGAIN

FOUR SENIOR GAMES FIXED FOR TO-DAY

MIDDLESEX OUT TO BEAT SOUTH CHINA "A"

(By "Abe")

After several weeks of Shield and holiday programmes, League Football in the Colony returns to normal to-day with a full quota of matches in all divisions. Four senior games will be decided this afternoon.

Though they have played only nine matches, South China "B" lead the field with 17 points, only one below the maximum, and it is extremely unlikely that their undefeated record will be spoiled to-day when they meet the Club at Caroline Hill. The South China "B" men need only to produce average form, I imagine, in order to take both the points, the long-awaited Club improvement shows no indication of materialising. Yet to earn a single point, Kowloon Chinese will be up against the Kowloon F.C. on the latter's ground. The K.F.C. have been weakened considerably by injuries and one thing and another. Their prospects of winning to-day are very uncertain inasmuch as Rowlands, Ulrich and Bliss will be absent from the side. Nevertheless, against the weak Chinese eleven, it is possible that they will just about scrape through. Rowlands, who has been such a tower of strength in the last line of defence, is nursing a bad ankle, while Ulrich is also on the injured list. To make matters worse, Bliss, their energetic centre-half, will be working, I am told, and will not be available. As a result, Eastman has been brought back to the side in place of Ulrich; Evans goes to centre-half and Jeffries will be between the sticks. How the new combination will work together remains to be seen, but if the Chinese seize their opportunities, it is quite on the cards that this game may give them their first point or points.

THE BEST MATCH

The best match of the day would be that between Middlesex and South China "A" at Soekunpoo. When the teams first met earlier in the season, the soldiers held the Chinese well in the first half but collapsed altogether in the second and conceded five goals. I doubt whether the Chinese will win by that margin to-day even if they do take the points. The military players' chance of holding the Chinese depends on whether their halves can check the schemings of Fung King-cheung and Lai Shui-wing, the two most dangerous forwards in the South China line-up.

The Seafarers slipped badly in their first meeting with the Police, and it is not likely that they will be caught napping again. If the Police forwards were a little more dangerous in front of goal, I would hesitate to say which side would emerge with the points; but as things are now, I think the Seafarers will be able to take their revenge.

Only one game will be played in the First Division to-morrow, Eastern playing St. Joseph's at Causeway Bay. It should provide a keen game. The Saints will be without the services of Pickering, formerly of the Ulster Rifles, who has been doing yeoman service for them in recent weeks, and will have to rely on their own players.

TEAMS SELECTED

The following teams have been selected:

South China "A"—Choo Siew-hong; Mak Shiu-hon, Li Tin-sung; Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi; Lee Kwok-wai; Tung Kwong-sun, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheung, Cheuk Shek-kam and Cheung Moon-wing.

Club—L. D. Skinner; Hill, Nogaitz; Fowler, J. Skinner, Hynes; Fisher, Scott, Fowler, Stone and Dickson.

Kowloon—Jeffries; Souza, Eastman; Maxwell, Evans, Connor; Knox, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honniball.

Kowloon Chinese—Ho Po-pui, Chan Hoi-ching, Kwok Chung; Woon Mok-shing, Chung Kai-fai, Chan Wong; Chin Chi-fai, Tin Yung-fat, Wong Yik-kin, Kwok Wai-ye and Yeung Kwun-ki.

Police—Manning; Bone, C. Pile; Brittain, Gough, North; T. Pile, Morrison, Wilberton, Howlett and Moss.

St. Joseph's—R. Marques; A. J. Hussain, V. Costa, C. F. Remedios, N. Bello, C. Marques; T. Castilho, A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Gomes and A. Alves.

REYNOLDS DROPS OUT

Change In England's Rugger Fifteen

F. J. Reynolds (Old Cranleighs) who was selected to play for England in the International rugby match against Wales at Cardiff to-morrow, is suffering from tonsillitis and will be unable to turn out. His place will be taken by P. Candler, of St. Bart's Hospital.—Reuter.

CHESS TITLE WON BY AN AMERICAN

London, Jan. 7. Mr. Samuel Reshevsky, the American champion, won the international chess tournament at Hastings to-day. He finished with a score of seven points for nine days' play.

Mr. Alexander, the young British master, tied with the Estonian, M. Keres, for second place. Other competitors included five Americans, Mr. Flohr, of Czechoslovakia, and Sir George Thomas, British chess champion in 1923 and 1934.—Reuter.



MAX STOPS THOMAS IN EIGHTH—Before a crowd of 18,000, in Madison Square Garden, New York, Max Schmeling, German heavyweight boxer who wants to regain the world championship title, won a technical knockout over Harry Thomas of Eagle Bend, Minn. Above, Thomas is down on one knee as Referee Arthur Donovan moves to halt the fight, in the eighth round.

REFEREE LEAVES COLONY

SGT. Isley Sails For England

(By "Abe")

Football in Hongkong will definitely be the poorer as from to-day with the departure of Sergeant E. G. Isley, one of the most efficient referees who ever officiated in the Colony. Sergeant Isley leaves for England by the troopship Dorsetshire at noon.

A senior referee for many years before he came out to Hongkong in November, 1934, Sergeant Isley's ability was recognised immediately on his arrival. This is proved by the fact that he was selected to officiate at both the Interport matches played in Hongkong since 1934—against Shanghai, in 1935, and 1937.

While in England, he had refereed extensively in first class matches in his home county, Surrey, and in the Army.

During his term in the Colony, Sergeant Isley has been serving on the Committee of the local Referees' Association and was a member of the Army Referees' Examining Board and the Army Selection Committee. His wide experience of football and footballers made him a very useful member of the last-named body.

Together with Sergeant W. R. Reynolds, Sergeant Finch and Cor-

Triangular Rugby Tie To-day

Club To Clash With Army

The final game of the Triangular Rugby Tournament, already won by the Royal Navy, will be played this afternoon between the Club and the Army on the Club ground at Happy Valley. This match will decide who will hold the "wooden spoon."

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and their Excellencies the Commander-in-Chief and the General Officer Commanding will be present at the game, which starts at 4 p.m.

Preceding this encounter will be a match between H.M.S. Cumberland and the Club "A" XV, starting at 2.45 p.m.

The teams have already been announced.

poral S. McCormac, Sergeant Isley during the off-season organised classes for the benefit of Army men desirous of being soccer referees and, with his colleagues, has been instrumental in raising the standard of Army refereeing in the Colony.

Well-liked by officials and players alike, Sergeant Isley's departure is regretted by all local soccer enthusiasts, who would wish to have him longer in the Colony; but troop movements will otherwise.

I am sure all players and officials alike will join me in wishing him "bon voyage" and the best of luck wherever he goes.

BADMINTON LEAGUE GAMES

Domestic Affair At Recreo

Of the three matches arranged last evening in the Mixed Doubles section, only two were played. What promised to be the most interesting tie of the programme, that between the Free Lances and Kowloon Tong, was postponed. At the Club de Recreo was a domestic affair, the "A" team defeating the "B" side by eight games to one. The undergraduates were at home to Talkoo and won the return encounter by six games to three.

RECREO "A" v. RECREO "B"

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat A. M. Rodrigues and Miss H. Remedios 21-12, beat E. A. R. Alves and Miss C. Boleiro 21-14, beat E. A. R. Alves and Miss A. Remedios 21-9, J. J. J. and Miss O. Ribeiro lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 21-24, beat Xavier and Miss Boleiro 21-12, beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21-12, A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro beat Rodrigues and Miss Remedios, 21-20, beat Xavier and Miss Boleiro, 21-7, beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21-7.

UNIVERSITY v. TAIKOO

Miss Ullan Khoo and T. F. Yong ("Variety") beat Miss I. Cunningham and St. Andrew's 21-10; lost to Miss Pollock and S. Newman 15-21; lost to Miss R. Summers and A. Keown 18-21. Miss J. Anderson and T. F. Yong ("Variety") beat Miss Cunningham and Boleiro 21-10; beat Miss Pollock and Newman 21-9; lost to Miss Summers and Keown 12-21. Miss J. Choa and P. K. Hui ("Variety") beat Miss Cunningham and Newman 21-15; beat Miss Pollock and Newman 21-8; beat Miss Summers and Keown 21-10.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreo "A"	5	5	0	0	39	10
Kowloon Tong	3	1	0	2	15	6
St. Andrew's	6	3	3	0	23	6
University	5	2	3	0	25	6
Free Lances	4	2	2	0	19	4
Talkoo R.C.	6	1	5	0	13	4
Recreo "B"	2	0	2	0	5	13

WORLD TOUR TO BE CUT SHORT

Sydney, Jan. 8. Gottfried von Cramm and Heinrich Henkel, Germany's crack tennis pair, will curtail their world tour programme and return to Germany upon the conclusion of their Australian tournament. They had originally intended to play a series of matches in India but these have had to be called off owing to the fact that Henkel who had already been handicapped in his play by an injured foot, has pulled a muscle in his right arm.

Ben Foord En Route To Next Fight

London, Jan. 7. Ben Foord, the South African boxer and former holder of the title of heavyweight champion of the British Empire, left yesterday for Hamburg where he will begin training for his bout with Max Schmeling scheduled for January 30. Among his party is another South African boxer, Leibbrandt, whose opponent at Hamburg is the German light heavyweight Adolf Witt. Schmeling is expected to arrive at his training camp at Friedrichshagen near Hamburg to-day.

PHILIPPINE OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

MONTES AND SEISUI TIE AFTER FIRST ROUND

Manila, Jan. 8. Larry Montes, defending champion in the 1938 National Open golf tournament that is now underway at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, got off to a flying start yesterday morning although he shot a rather shaky first nine, his score was 72, par, and only one other player equaled that, Chin Seisui from Japan.

Paired with Norman Von Nida and T. Miyamoto, two outstanding favourites of the meet, Larry breezed along in grand style to show that he is going to be hard to defeat when the final rounds have been completed. He was out in 37, one over par, but braced his game and completed the last nine in one under, 35.

Von Nida, a heavy favourite in the betting, turned in the first nine in par but faltered on the "in" nine and turned in a 38, two over. He missed about five easy putts or he probably would have cracked old man par for the 18 holes. He still remains a big favourite though.

Chin Seisui, Open champion of Japan, did not disappoint his admirers and shot a perfect 72. Four other of his countrymen were among the first ten—Mafuku, Toda, Miyamoto and Uekata, Toda tying for second place with Von Nida with a 74.

Chinese caddy, Ching Yok, who had a flock of rooters scored 77. "Bob" J. R. H. Mason led the amateurs with a 78. J. R. McCle, Jr., had an 81 and A. Gibbs, Jr., an 82.

Many pros fell by the wayside with a big thud, the chief fault attributed to them being faulty putting. "Putt" Putnam three-putted on eight of the eighteen greens and had to be content with an 83. Jim Black, Caloocan pro, never did get his stride and scored a poor 90. Wally King, American professional wrestler who is quite a golfer in his own right, showed the lack of practice due to a long layoff by shooting a 91.

Capt. Horsfall and D. G. Roberts pulled up at the end of the parade of 65 golfers with 99s, just one under the taboo mark. The latter, however, had lots of fun and amused with his remarks about his game.

Johnny Cuadrado withdrew from the meet and there were three players who scratched after perusing the list of the group. These three were L. E. Moots, whose game was decidedly below the standard he is capable of and has been turning in, Charlie Earle and Cecilio Tayao.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

A very slight rain fell while the first threesome was playing the 4th hole but it lasted only about two minutes. In the afternoon a fairly strong breeze sprang up and this had much to do with the games of those who didn't tee-off until towards noon.

To-morrow morning at 9:50 o'clock, a threesome that will be composed of the repeating or new champion, whichever the case may be, will tee-off. Montes, Von Nida and Seisui are the three and a big gallery will undoubtedly follow this crucial round. The crowd yesterday followed Montes and Von Nida with Tim Kanrai second in public favour. The Siamese seven-time champion, Kanrai, played a steady game and scored a 76. Whether or not he is

BIGGEST TRANSFER OF SEASON

Liverpool Pay £8,000 For Willie Fagan

London. The biggest transfer of the season was paid when Liverpool obtained Willie Fagan, Preston North End's 19-year-old Scottish inside-left, for £8,000.

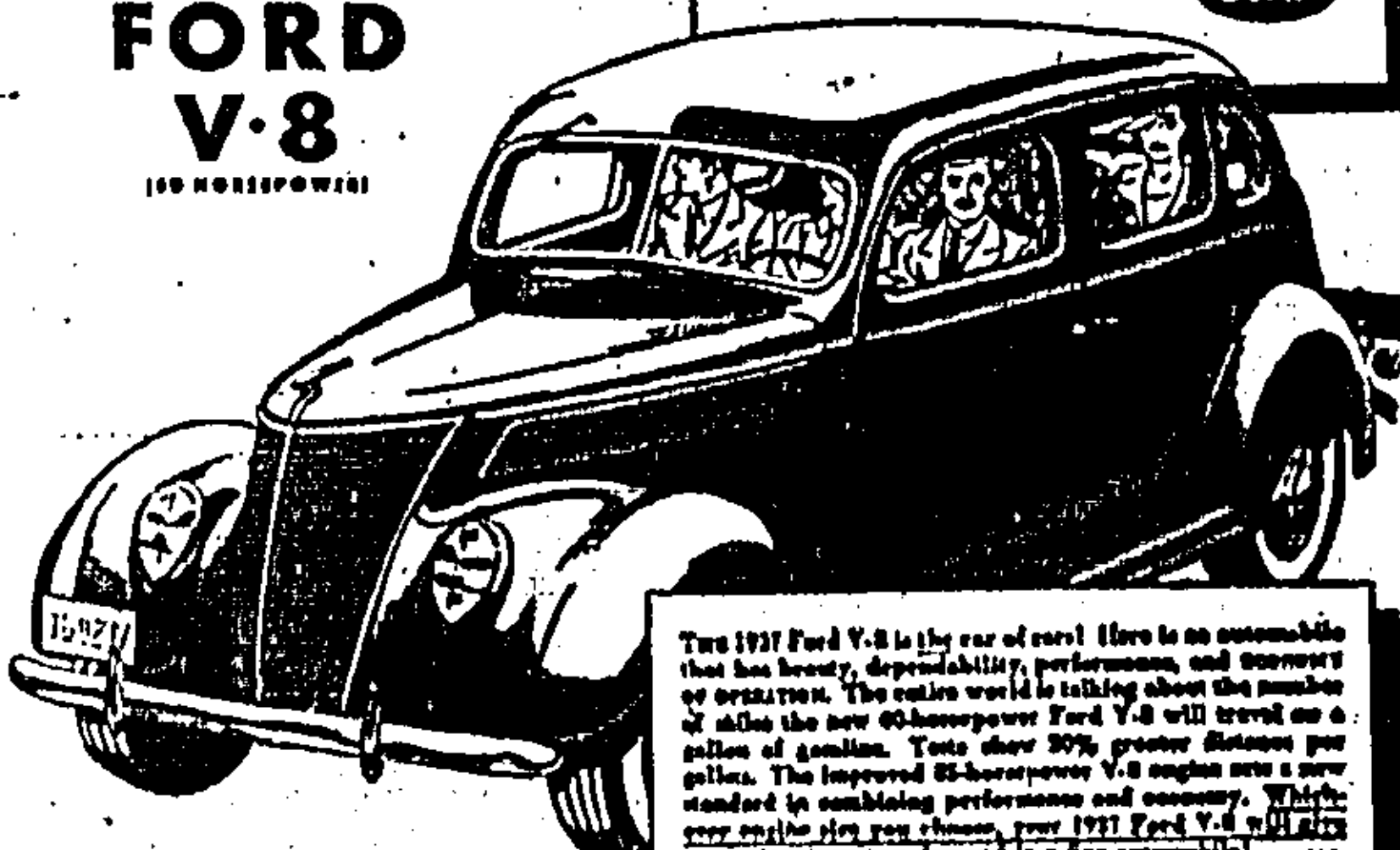
Middlesbrough wanted Fagan, but their offer, made some time ago, was too small. With Cammell and Yorton injured, however, Middlesbrough found the need for a new forward pressing, and again approached Preston, with a bigger offer, but it was too late. Fagan was then a Liverpool player.

Fagan joined Preston from Glasgow Celtic exactly a year ago and has played in 40 League games for them. He was in the cup final team last season.

Manchester United paid the highest fee ever received by Bournemouth when they signed J. Rowley, an eighteen-year-old inside-left. He cost them £3,000.—Reuter.

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H. D. Frakes, the Oxford rugby blue, who has been chosen as full-back for England in the International match against Wales at Cardiff to-day. He has been selected in preference to Ronnie Gerrard, the former Hongkong boy and English International. This picture was taken in the trial match at Ipswich. Here Frakes is seen converting a try for the Probables against the Possibles.

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SOME REFLECTIONS
ON OXFORD'S WIN
DUE TO OPPORTUNISM AND
DEFENSIVE COVERING

By T. H. Evans Ballile

London, Dec. 12.

Year after year the thirty players chosen to represent Oxford and Cambridge, at Twickenham, address themselves, or so it seems to those of us who discuss probabilities by speech or in writing, to the humorous task of confounding predictions. The match played on Tuesday last must have left a record number of spectators and listeners unable to say, or look, the words, "I told you so."

Cambridge's scoring strength had been shown to be so great, Oxford's attacking possibilities were so untried in the formation ultimately adopted, that my own attempt at forecasting seemed, if anything, rather unfair to Cambridge and unduly complimentary to Oxford. A fortnight ago I wrote: "The match depends on what account the Cambridge forwards give of themselves. If they find themselves as an eight, Cambridge have the requisite scoring power to run up a useful total. Otherwise, a draw or even a narrow win, for Oxford is probable." And then Oxford go and win by as many as 13 points, with their line not crossed once!

It is legitimate, in self-defence, to point out that the opportunism, which was one of the features of Oxford's play on Tuesday, was not disclosed, except by P. K. Mayhew in one or two games, in the preliminary programme, but a more important point to be made is that the Cambridge forwards did not "find themselves," despite their almost monotonous securing of the ball in set scrum, loose scrum, and line-out.

On the way back from the match I heard more than once the comment—"Well, it wasn't the fault of the Cambridge pack, anyhow." Figures kept during the match showed a preponderance of the named above in the proportion of nearly three to one.

FAULTY FORWARDS

Unfortunately, for the Cambridge backs, this was not enough. In fact, it was the fault of their forwards that the day was lost so decisively.

Everything that those eight Cambridge forwards did ran round the lesson that, however clever your hooker may be, it is vital to carry through the shove and watch the ball closely so as to be able to help it out quickly. If for any reason, either among your own eight or the enemy's, quick healing cannot be achieved, it is better to alter the tactics and hold the ball to take it through, especially against a defence of such speed and anticipation as Oxford's. It may be doubted, however, whether in any working scheme they would have been, to put it as the Irish might, so handy with their feet as Oxford.

Alternatively, or supplementarily, the back-row men, seeing their mid-field triangle so sorely beset and har-

assed, might have turned their attention to the constructive side of their duties. Perhaps the difficulties met with by R. B. Bruce Lockhart, W. H. Roden, and J. G. S. Forrest provoked more sympathy for them than they merited, but it remains true that they deserve better than to leave a memory of having been the chopping blocks of Oxford's superb defensive scheme. And what tackling it was! Many of those who peered through the mist in an agony of partisan hopes and fears may easily have missed one of its most remarkable characteristics—the backing-up. In attack, backing-up is comparatively easy, inspired, as it must be, by the hope of establishing an easily appreciated advantage. It also thrusts itself on the watcher's notice. In defence more hardihood, more resolution, and more imagination is required; and even these three qualities are insufficient without supreme physical fitness. It can also escape notice if the "reserve" tackler does not come into action. A team from either University has the great advantage of being able to plan the arrival at the peak of physical condition on the day, so that I doubt whether any such perfect defensive backing-up into action. A team from either University has the great advantage of being able to plan the arrival at the peak of physical condition on the day, so that I doubt whether any such perfect defensive backing-up into action.

SECOND TRIAL TEAMS

After a University match which must be set down as one of the most satisfactory of recent years (not because of the result but because of the high standard of individual excellence revealed) it is natural to find many players called on for next Saturday's trial. En passant, it is pleasant to find the good feeling between rival colleges, which exists in many parts of the country, exemplified by the loan of the Ipswich Town Association ground to the Eastern Counties R.F.U.

The exceptionally good match at Newcastle a week ago made it obvious that here would be but little change in the England team, which now becomes "Probables." Of those who have not been included in the second "Possibles" team, it must be remembered that they have not necessarily been dropped. There is still the final trial at Twickenham. Whatever may be the ultimate composition of England's team it should be less dull than last year's fifteen showed itself during long spells of the international matches. There



Marlene Dietrich and Robert Donat as the lady in distress and the modern-day knight who comes to her rescue in "Knight Without Armour," the Alexander Korda production of the famous James Hilton story which is being shown at the King's Theatre.

ENGLISH BOXERS BEAT
GERMAN AMATEURS
First International Match
Of Its Kind

By Fred Dartnell

The England v. Germany boxing match at the Albert Hall last month—the first international match of its kind—was a great success. England won seven bouts to five and certainly did not merit a greater margin of success.

There was a fine crowd, including 500 Germans who reached London by the morning's boat, and sang their national songs on the orchestra seats below the big organ as a breezy prelude to the affairs of the evening.

Each bout provided the very keenest of fighting. One of the best of the evening was that between F. J. Simpson, of Battersea, our lightweight champion, against E. Nurnberg, the holder of the German title. Nurnberg was short, with a pair of shoulders and arms like a welterweight.

With almost the first blow he had Simpson on the floor through a right swing to the jaw.

The Englishman had a bad opening round, but by diligent use of the straight left he won the next two rounds and the verdict.

In the welter K. Fluss, of Cologne, met C. Webster, the brother of the ship's his monopoly a few years back. Fluss, shock-headed, tall, and with a tremendous reach, employed the swing with both hands, but his defence was open as the day to the straight left. Webster used this weapon well and did some artful ducking; in the end his wits won the day.

PACK'S GOOD VICTORY

I was glad to see Wally Pack, of the Poly, put up a good show against A. Baumgarten, the German middleweight champion for the past two years. At the Olympic Games in Berlin, when he boxed as a welter, he was rather put out of his stride by a severe caution for ducking below the belt! Pack was too clever for Baumgarten.

T. Griffin, as an old Olympian and Golden Gloves representative, was thought to have a chance against R. Vogt, but the German, solidly built and with a good right hand, proved his master. At the beginning of the third round Vogt got in a smasher to the jaw and Griffin went down. He tried to rise, but fell again and the bout was stopped.

Tony Stuart, the English heavyweight champion, had a rousing duck-out with H. Runge, who has not only held the German title for the last three years but was Olympic champion in 1936. A hard wrestling sort of bout and the German just

are signs of more life in open work, nearer foot-control, and fuller appreciation of the possibilities of variety in attack. W. S. Kemble, a brilliant runner, may not have the gift of F. J. Reynolds in getting the three-quarter line away to the best advantage, but his presence should be a great relief to the selectors in case Reynolds finds it difficult to jump back into the form he was showing last March. J. L. Giles improves, so it would seem, with every game he plays; P. Cranmer appears to have developed a certain suaveness of attack, which combined with fortitude in defence is an improvement on all-round bolterousness, and P. M. McRae should be a find whose genius is akin to the clan spirit of the other English backs. Any of the available wings should be efficient and of R. A. Gerrard's soundness and skill I believe many justly appreciative words will be said before the season is out.

There seems, in fact, no doubt as to England's ability to give a good account of herself in the international. A note of warning, nevertheless, is made necessary by past history. Let us hope that neither selectors nor team will take undue heed of the reputed brilliance of Welsh backs by concentrating on defence allied with canny methods of attack.

Oxford knew all about Cambridge's brilliant attack and they defended, as we saw, magnificently. But they also kept on their toes for all chances to attack. They never hesitated to take a risk if they smelt a possible score.

Oxford 17, Cambridge 4. England? Worst? Undergraduates have expounded a sane doctrine. Possibly the masters of Rugby arts will not be above making a note or two.

about deserved his verdict.

Among the second strings E. Kemp made it a pillar-to-post scrap against H. Hesse, a blonde "tiger" from Dusseldorf. There was not a moment's peace between the two, but the British left hand, with its tattoo effect, gained the day.

FIRST STRINGS

Feather: Volker (Germany) outpointed C. Elliott (Battersea).

Light: F. J. Simpson (Battersea) outpointed E. Nurnberg.

Welter: W. Fluss (Germany) outpointed L. Taylor (Battersea and Allied Trades).

Light-heavy: R. Vogt (Germany) outpointed E. Nurnberg.

Welter: C. Webster (St. Pancras) outpointed K. Fluss.

Middle: W. Pack (Polytechnic) outpointed A. Baumgarten.

Heavy: T. Griffin (St. Pancras) beat T. Griffin (St. Pancras), referee stopping bout in third round.

Light-heavy: H. Runge (Germany) outpointed V. A. Stuart (London Fire Brigade).

SECOND STRINGS

Feather: N. E. Raine (Shildon) outpointed Otto Kasten.

Light: E. Kemp (Alexandra and B.T.L.) outpointed J. Hesse.

Middle: E. Campe (Germany) outpointed J. W. Jackson (Printing and Allied Trades).

Heavy: G. Preston (Battersea) outpointed K. Hildebrandt.

OUR GUIDE
TO THE
CINEMAS

"Knight Without Armour" (King's Theatre, 10-day).—Made on a wide canvas, this British production succeeds in holding one's interest, but as shown in Hongkong it appears disjointed, probably due to local "cutting." Marlene Dietrich, of course, is the star of the show and is given good support by Robert Donat.

"The Singing Marine" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, 10-day).—Whether Dick Powell is a good specimen of what a member of America's fighting forces ought to be is a moot point; but nevertheless cinema producers like to cast him either as a sailor, soldier or a marine. Here he is back again in the fighting forces as a marine and a warbler. There are some good numbers.

"Topper" (Oriental Theatre, 10-day).—A story of "spooks" and very pleasant ones too. This is an enjoyable film and should not be missed. Constance Bennett, Cary Grant and Roland Young are very good. "Lawyer Max" (Majestic Theatre, 10-day).—East-side lawyer, full of political chief, is "framed," and then vindicates himself. Bill Powell is his usual suave self, helped along by Joan Blondell's wise-cracks, but the material is not worthy of the two stars.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Two Double-Headers
For Sunday

The Central British Association will play a double-header in the Softball League on Sunday, against the Machine Gun Company on the former's ground, commencing at 10 a.m.

On their home ground, the Fillipino Club will also play a double-header, first against the Vets at 10 a.m. and later against the English Forum.

C.B.A. Team Selected

The following will represent the Central British Association: W. Muir, G. Gurevitch, S. MacNider, G. Fowler, D. Blake, S. Fowler, T. Gaubert, H. Millington, C. Spradbury and N. Whitley.

FARR-BRADDOCK FIGHT
CONFIRMEDBuilding-Up Farr's
Prestige For New
Title Bout

By Geoffrey Simpson

London, Dec. 10.

Confirming the conversation I had with him the other day over the transatlantic telephone, Mike Jacobs, ace American boxing promoter, stated yesterday that Tommy Farr's next opponent will be James J. Braddock, the Irish-American veteran, whose rise from dock labourer to champion startled the boxing world.

Jacobs is still undecided about the date and place of the fight, but the probability is that it will be held in late January at Madison Square Garden.

It will be Farr's first match in his new quest of Joe Louis's championship, and Jacobs has undoubtedly chosen Braddock for the job, because if Farr can beat the ex-title holder it will put fresh colour and life into his campaign.

Jacobs is banking on Farr coming through the test with added prestige, so that he can put him in cold storage for the Louis-Max Schmeling winner, and I do not think he will be disappointed.

YET HE CAN BOX

Braddock has been out of the ring a long time; he is 31, and in boxing an old stager. Yet he can box uncommonly well, and if it so happened that he reproduced his Max Baer form, then Farr would have to look out.

It is stated from Toronto that Jacobs may pair the Farr-Braddock victor with the survivor of the Schmeling-Harry Thomas fight, which takes place next week. It looks to me like a very big "may."

A reasonable assumption is that Farr and Schmeling will be the survivors, and remembering that Schmeling is definitely connected to meet Louis for the championship in June for 20 per cent. of the gate, it is likely that he will risk prejudicing that chance by engaging in a preliminary with Farr?

That night when Schmeling kept thumping Louis's chin he made the Negro "right hand shy." Watching the Farr-Louis battle, Schmeling said, "Why—Louis is scared of a right-hand punch," by which he no doubt meant that he had made him that way. There is an uneasy feeling in America that sharp-shooting Max will again reach the Louis chin, and then, having won back the title for Germany, will sail for home and retire.

SAVING CLAUSE

Anyway, Jacobs took the precaution of having his lawyer put a clause in Schmeling's contract by which he is to give the bulk of his purse money in New York as guarantee—that he will return to defend the title if he beats Louis!

The feeling also exists on the other side that, although Farr lost to Louis, Farr might be equal to beating Schmeling.

About the time Farr is meeting Braddock, Schmeling will be back in Germany facing Ben Foord in Hamburg on January 30, and it will be interesting to see what sort of form Schmeling is in after his long rest.

BRITISH
ATHLETES
LEAVEFor Empire Games
In Australia

London, Dec. 10.

Fifteen track and field men, nine track and field women, four cyclists, six bowlers, eleven oarsmen, sixteen swimmers (eight men and eight women) and two wrestlers have now left England to compete in the third Empire Games. The first were held at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, and the second four years later in London.

It cannot be said that a team of athletes which does not include S. C. Wooderson, A. G. K. Brown, A. Pennington, A. W. Sweeney and D. O. Finlay, to name only a few, is an ideal team to represent England. But the athletes who were able to go to Sydney will acquit themselves well. C. B. Holmes, for instance, has had an excellent record this year—in six races in the four international meetings he won five firsts and one second—and England's prospects for the sprinters could hardly be better. W. Roberts is one of the best quarter-milers in the world, and P. D. Ward, who ranks fifth in the list of European three-milers, is regarded as a certainty for his event. Ward is also entering for the six miles.

The veteran A. J. Norris has a good chance in the marathon. I should not be surprised if his most serious opponent, proves to be D. McNab Robertson, who represents Scotland.

LADIES' HOCKEY

Teams Selected For
To-day's Matches

The following will represent St. Andrew's Ladies in the Caer Clark match against the Central British Association Ladies to-day at 3 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:

R. Rose, G. White, L. Cross, M. Lawson, J. Wong, H. Reid, F. Wong, E. Churn, P. Gittins, I. Gittins and E. Banker.

The following will represent St. Andrew's in a friendly match against the Hongkong Ladies second eleven to-day at 3 p.m. on the Happy Valley ground:

J. Hall, J. Broadbridge, E. Chang, M. Vessona, M. Roza, B. Greaves, V. Churn, Y. Ho, M. Churn, S. Roberts and D. Hall.

Central British Association

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies in the Caer Clark hockey match v. St. Andrew's Ladies, to-day on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park:

D. Moss, G. Parsons and P. Whitley; I. Woolley, M. Trail and E. Clewer; F. Best, R. Forster, M. White, M. Daniels and D. Hunt.

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies in a Brown Cup match v. the "Y" Ladies this afternoon, at 4.15 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park:

P. MacFadyen, P. Everest and M. Clarke; J. Whitman, L. Dunn and J. Black; M. MacAlpine, K. Luckin, K. Winch, E. Woolley and F. Grimmit.

GOVERNOR TO
ATTEND

On Sunday, January 22, it is learnt, His Excellency the Governor will be present at 3.30 p.m. at the football match between the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Hongkong Football Association, on the South China Athletic ground, and will present the trophy to the winning team.



Donald Budge, the American amateur tennis champion of the world, who was reported to be indisposed two days ago but was able to take part in a doubles match with Gene Mako against Adrian Quist and John Bromwich at Adelaide yesterday.

QUALIFYING GOLF

Country Club
Starting Times

The following are the starting times for the qualifying round of the Country Club Championship which will be played on Sunday, January 16:

11.00 a.m. H. K. Lee, B. Alves.
11.04 a.m. C. H. Suen, E. D. da Roza.
11.08 a.m. H. G. Leong, A. E. H. Castro.

11.12 a.m. J. Liffon, A. W. da Roza.
11.16 a.m. J. J. Basto, A. A. Lopes.
11.20 a.m. M. A. Simoes, C. G. Anderson.

11.24 a.m. C. Kew, F. X. M. da Silva.
11.28 a.m. E. Sadick, A. W. Ramsey.
11.32 a.m. F. E. A. Remedios, B. Basto.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Brisbane, Jan. 14. In the Sheffield Shield game to-day, Queensland won the toss against Victoria and sent them in on a slow wicket. At the close of play Victoria had made 289 for six (Lee 108).—*Reuter Bulletin.*

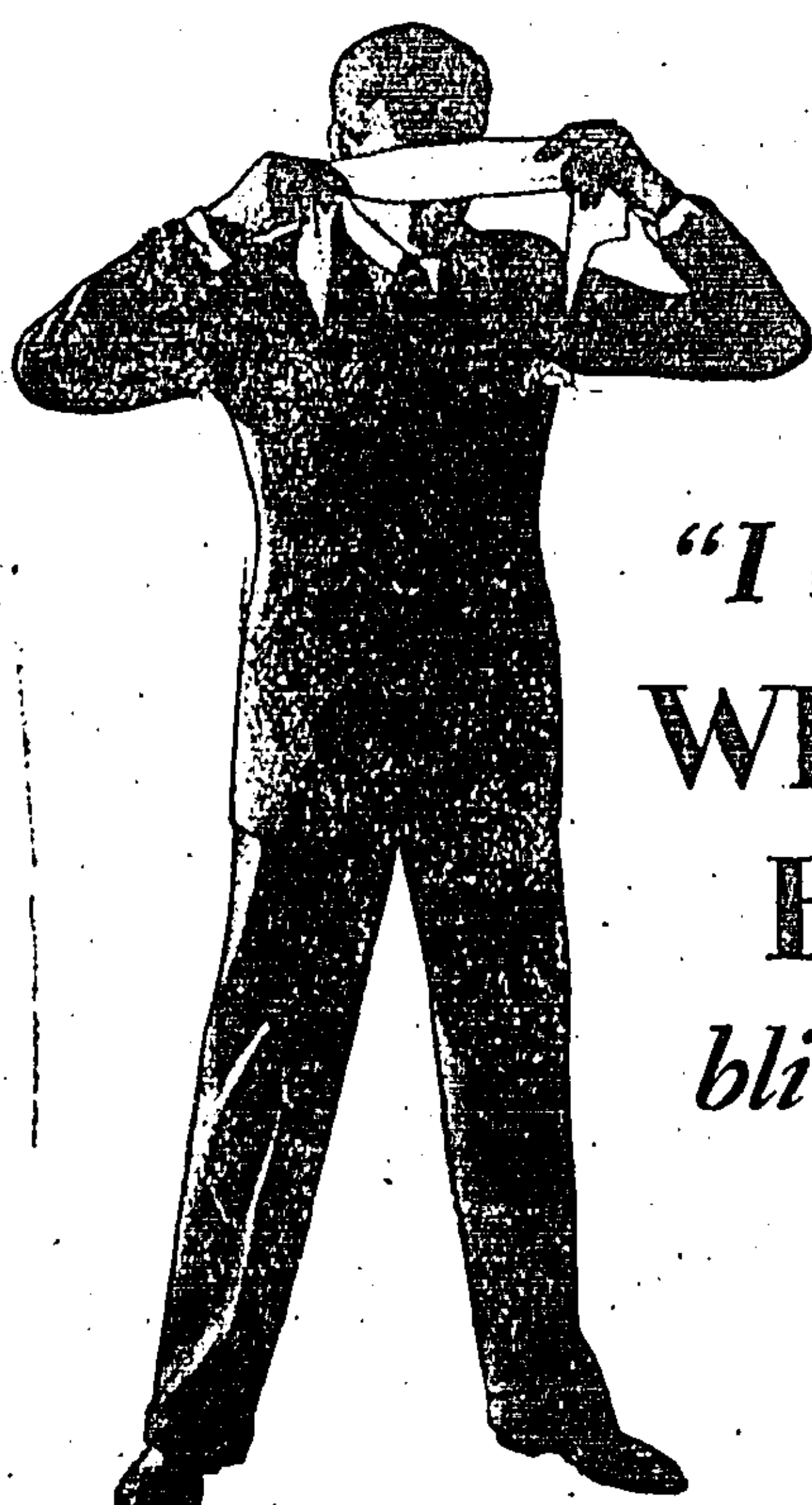
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Hongkong, 10th January, 1938.



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To begin with, I suppose you realise that you're taking what is the most important step in your whole life? (I'm prepared to argue that your choice of a career is less important to you than your choice of a wife.)

I suppose you don't want to rush into marriage without knowing what it really means? And you've no wish to be swept off your feet by a pretty face with no grey cells behind it, have you?

You've got to live with that face probably for many, many years, and it's going to change and become less attractive. So if you're marrying merely because you've been attracted by physical beauty, where are you going to be when that's gone?

Unless there's something more lasting behind, such as real affection for you, real companionship, and enough intellect to help you in your difficulties, one day you're going to find that you're married to a vacuum. And we all know what nature thinks of a vacuum, don't we?

Now consider these facts.

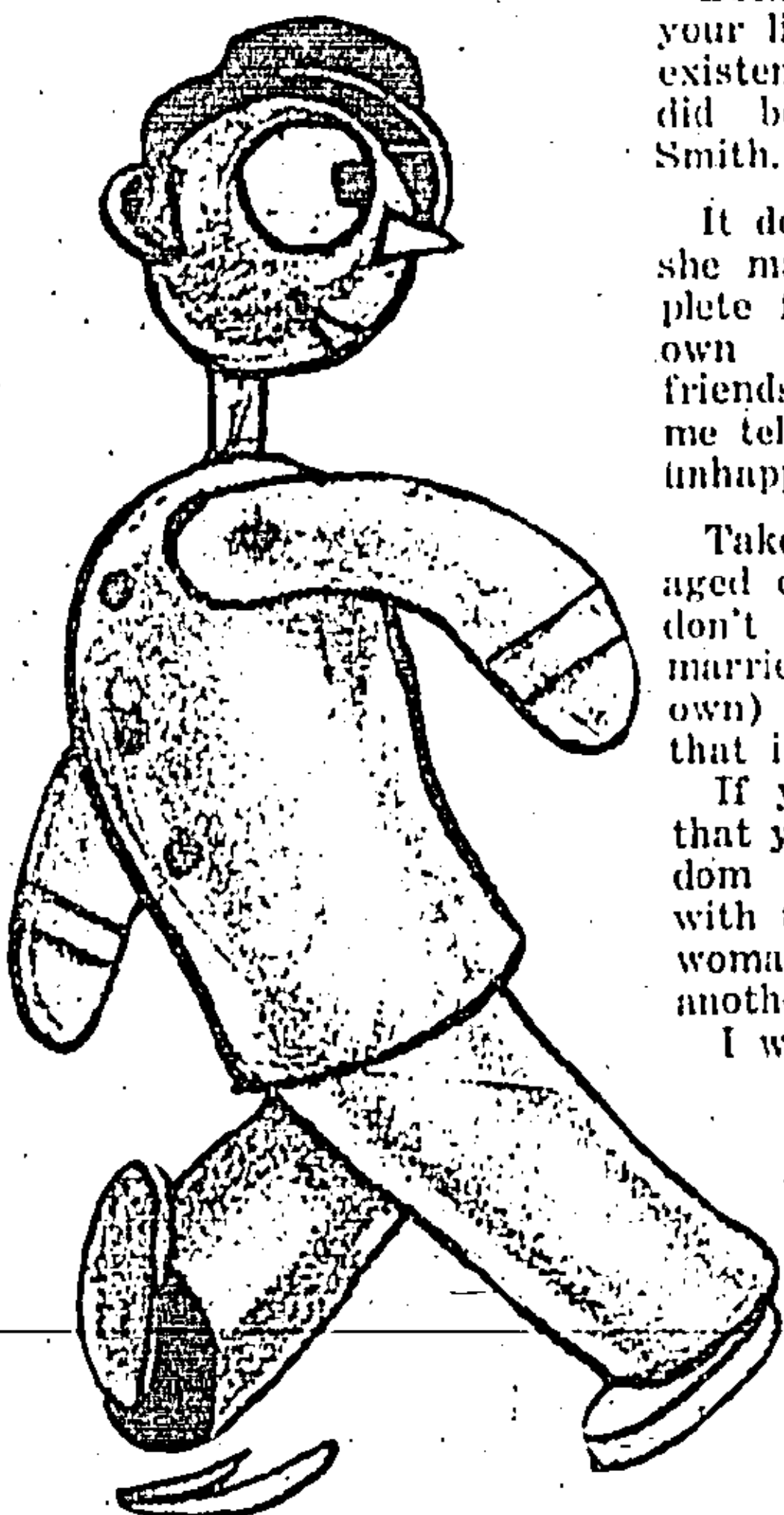
IF some one suggested to you that you should throw-up your present job and go into another line of business, I'm sure you'd take days of thought and all kinds of advice before you came to a final decision, wouldn't you?

Well, we've already agreed that, important as your work is, it's nothing like so important as your marriage. And yet some men get married with less thought than they'd give to the question of where they'll spend their summer holidays.

Of course, it happens that way, because falling in love is about the strongest emotion a human being can experience, and it knocks you off your feet, Mr. Smith. Changing your job's a matter for cool calculation—very little emotion about that.

And this is the first point. Marriage should be a matter of whole—not marriage to any feelings, first, foremost—but particular individual.

You should force yourself to marry there are a whole heap of things you'll have to give up? think it over before you make



"Falling in love knocks you off your feet"

Not only that, but whether you should marry at all, but whether you should marry Miss Brown.

MY next point deals with marriage as a marriage to any feelings, first, foremost—but particular individual. Do you realise that when you marry there are a whole heap of things you'll have to give up? think it over before you make

First of a series
by ANTHONY
WEYMOUTH
of Harley-street,
who writes on . . .
MARRIAGE

Because, Mr. Smith, in future your life is not an independent existence—you can't live as you did before there was a Mrs. Smith.

It doesn't matter how willing she may be to allow you complete freedom—even to go her own way and make her own friends. That sort of thing, let me tell you, is bound to lead to unhappiness.

Take it from me as a middle-aged doctor—and what doctors don't know of other people's married lives (as well as their own) isn't worth knowing—that it won't work.

If you begin with the idea that you can enjoy all the freedom of a bachelor combined with the joys of living with a woman you love, you've got these days, slip out of it. That's another guess coming.

I wonder whether you realise that how rapidly divorce it will have increased? In the surely do so.

After all, would you begin the year 1913 there were only 827 cases in Great Britain. But in 1936 with the thought that you could there were 8,107 mat—give it up if you didn't like it, matrimonial—petitions—after, perhaps, several years. That's a big jump in spent learning your job?

And do you know that an overwhelming number of these divorces takes place after about twelve years of married life?

Tell me, Mr. Smith, how would you interpret this curious fact? You've no idea?

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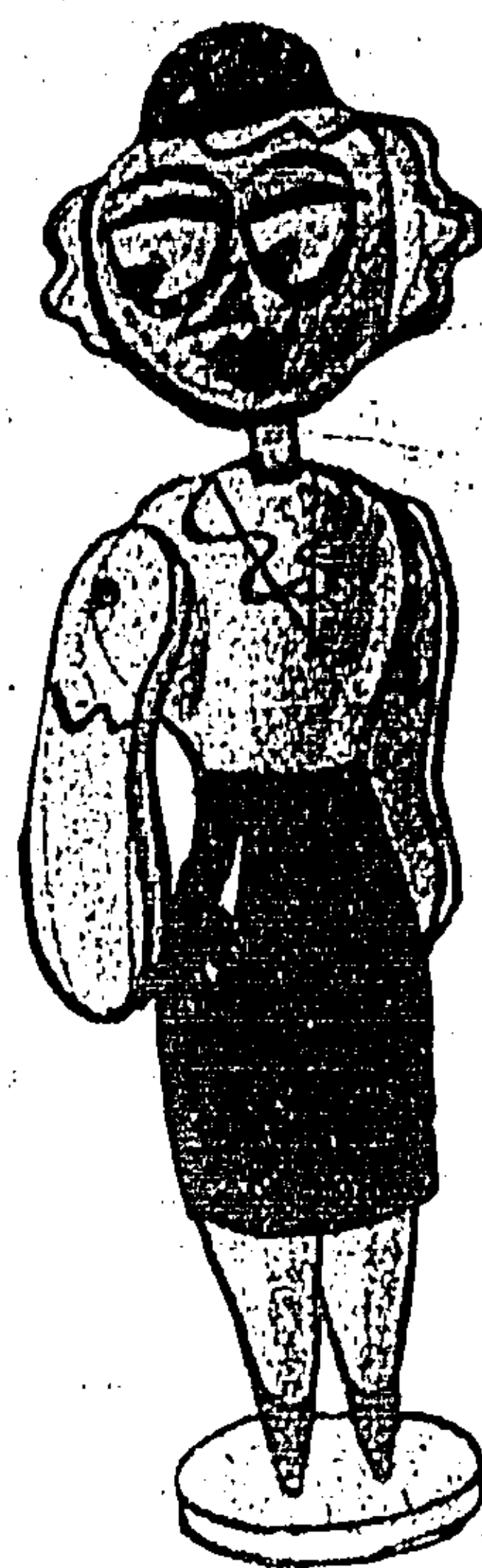
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job as long as possible. Finally, they've thrown in the sponge.

By the way, why do you think divorce has increased so much? You think it's due to the war? Maybe that had something to do with it.

But I expect it's really due to two factors: the careless way don't know of other people's married lives (as well as their own) isn't worth knowing—that it won't work.

Now, Mr. Smith, please don't enter into your married life with the idea that if it should with the joys of living with a woman you love, you've got these days, slip out of it. That's a rotten way of beginning marriage. If anything can smash

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S. O. S.
Leung Sai Tor, aged 11, is deaf and dumb.
He came up before the magistrate for being without visible means of subsistence.
What means could he have until he is taught a trade and taught how to understand and make others understand him? So we are putting him into the Deaf and Dumb School.
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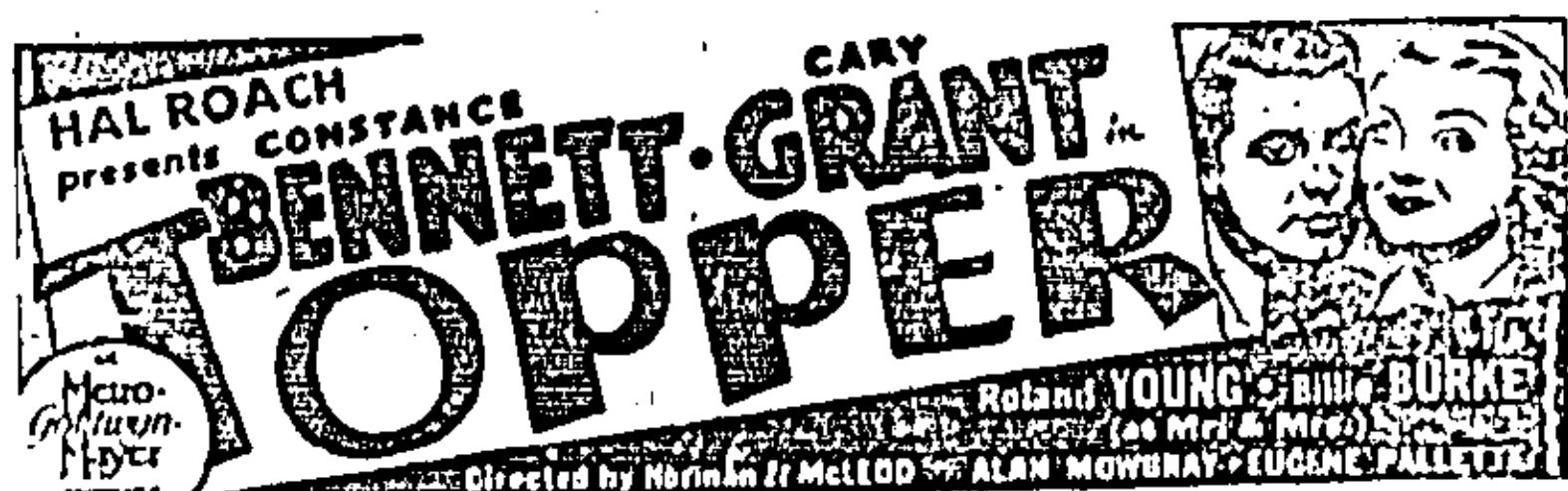
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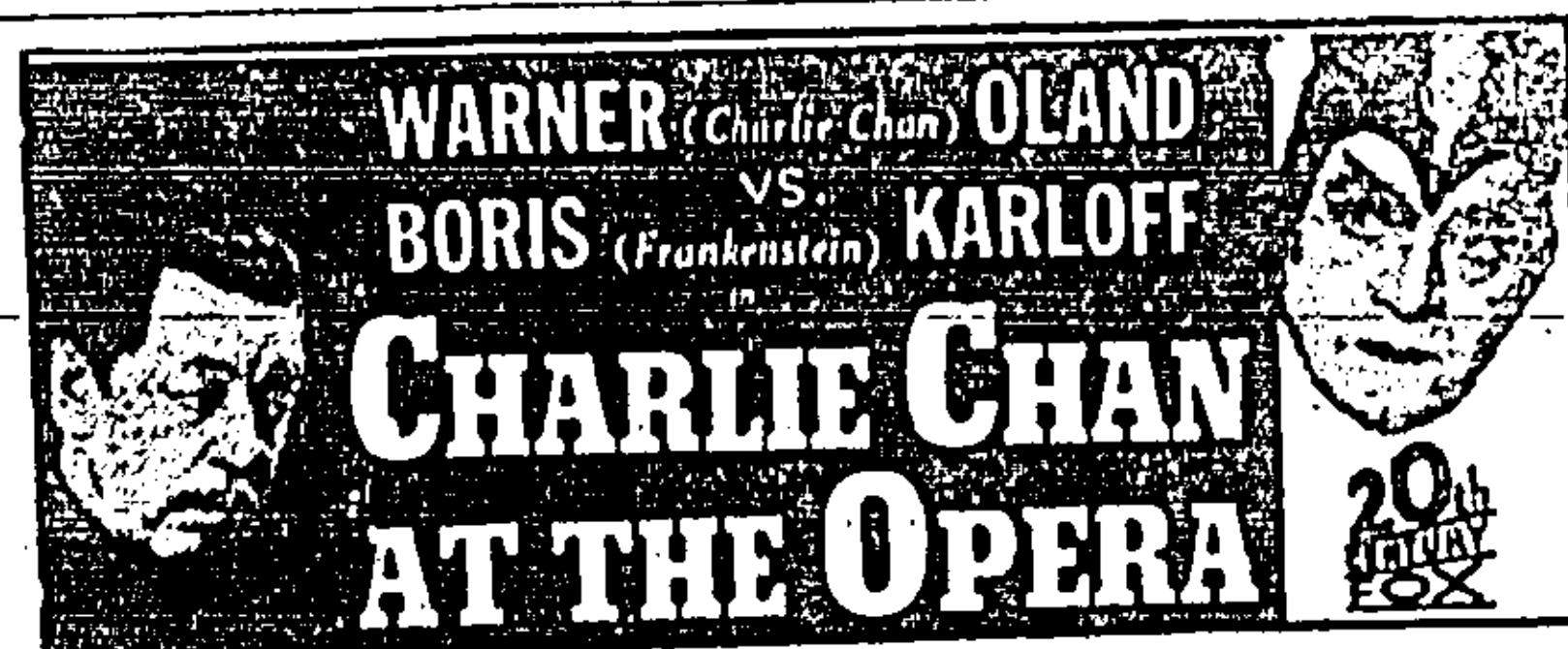
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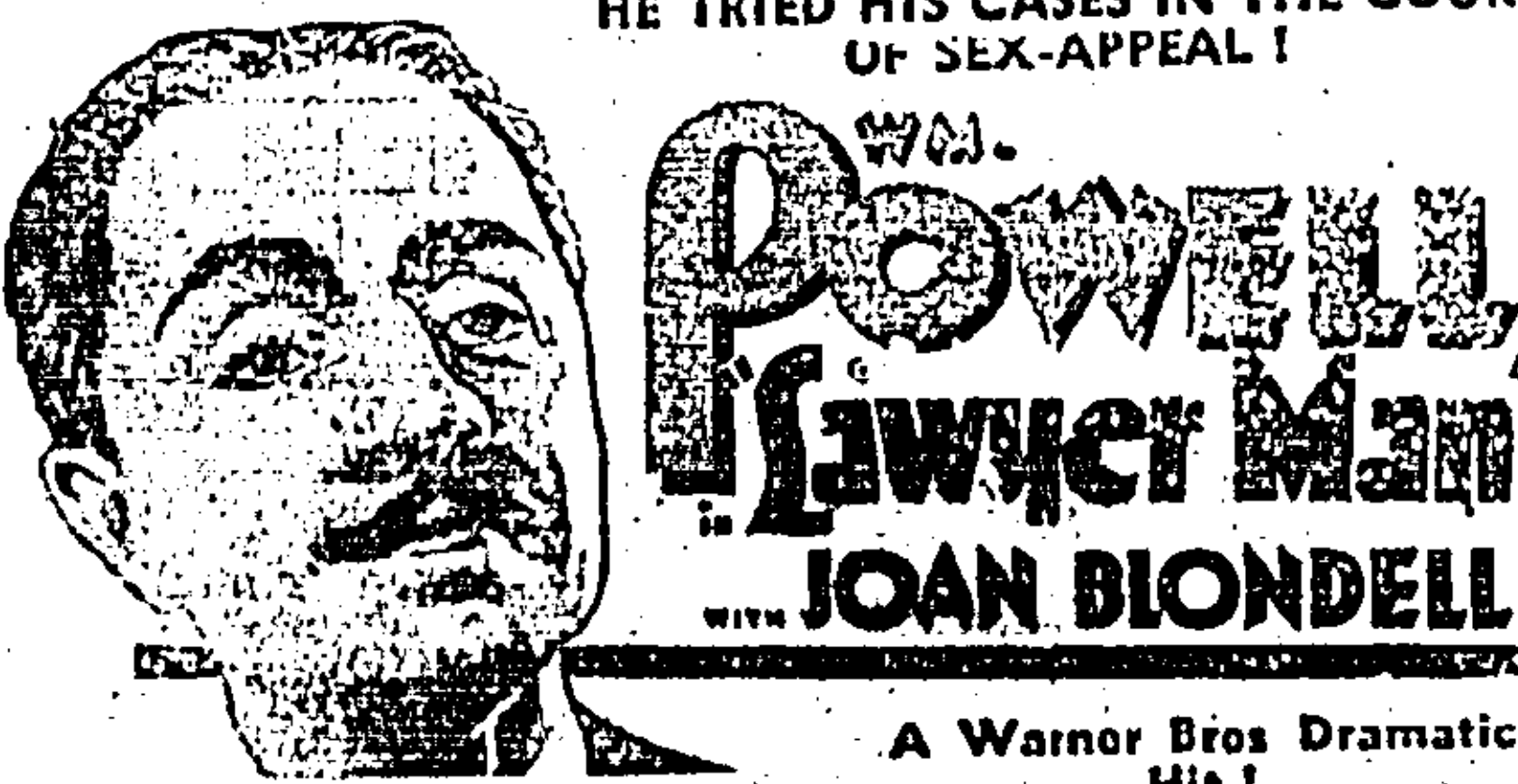
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PARTITION OF IRELAND

Prime Question In The Anglo-Irish Conference

London, Jan. 14.
 The Anglo-Irish conversations which are opening on Monday next will be favoured with a more friendly atmosphere than any previous attempts to get an agreement of the centuries-old problem of Anglo-Irish relations. Defence is bound to loom large. Eire has only a small standing army, a small air force and two fishery protection vessels. Naval bases are maintained by the British at Queenstown and Berehaven and have long been a burning grievance with Eire as a derogation of its complete independence. It has long been recognised that whatever political difficulties exist there must be a joint defence of the two countries in view of their geographical position. Moreover, Ireland's agricultural resources are important to Britain in the event of war.

PARTITION THE BIG QUESTION
 As regards trade negotiations, both sides agree that the so-called Anglo-Irish economic war benefited neither. The most thorny problem, however, will be the question of partition over which feeling is rapidly becoming intensified. The existence of Ulster in its present form has always been deeply resented by the people in the south, while Ulster folk's insistence of maintaining connection with the United Kingdom has been enhanced since the south has almost entirely eliminated the King from the Constitution.

There is certainly strong opposition in Britain to any attempt to coerce the north into union with the south. On the other hand Mr. Eamon De Valera is also known to oppose coercion. He favours giving the north local autonomy, leaving all major questions to the All-Ireland Parliament in Dublin.

While progress on economic and defence questions is most likely, there is still doubt about the fate of partition until the conference gets to grips with the issue. But as the talks have been initiated by Mr. De Valera it is supposed that conversations which led to that decision give promise of something tangible emerging.

The conference will open at 3 p.m. on Monday in the Cabinet room at 10, Downing Street after the parties have lunched together. — *Reuter Special.*

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IS POSTPONED

At Request Of France

Geneva, Jan. 14.
 The meeting of the League Council fixed for Monday next has been postponed until January 25. The postponement was proposed to the countries concerned by the Secretary-General at the request of the French Government, supported by the British Government, although the Rumanian Foreign Minister had already arrived at Geneva and other Ministers were on their way.

It is not expected that the request will meet with any opposition, although it may encounter some criticism. — *Reuter.*

MR. EDEN TO RETURN

Nice, Jan. 14.
 After a long conversation with London, it is understood that Mr. Anthony Eden decided to return to London to-morrow, instead of proceeding straight to Geneva for the League Council Meeting. — *Reuter.*

NEW MAGISTRATE

Mr. H. R. Butters has been appointed Police Magistrate in Kowloon, with effect from January 10. Mr. Butters relieves Mr. K. Keen, who has proceeded on leave in the Kowloon Magistracy.

STOP PRESS NEWS

TOKYO CHINESE SUPPORT CHIANG

Yokohama, Jan. 15.
 The Chinese colony here, at a mass meeting voted not to support the Peiping Provisional Government at present but to continue to support the Chiang Kai-shek regime. — *United Press.*

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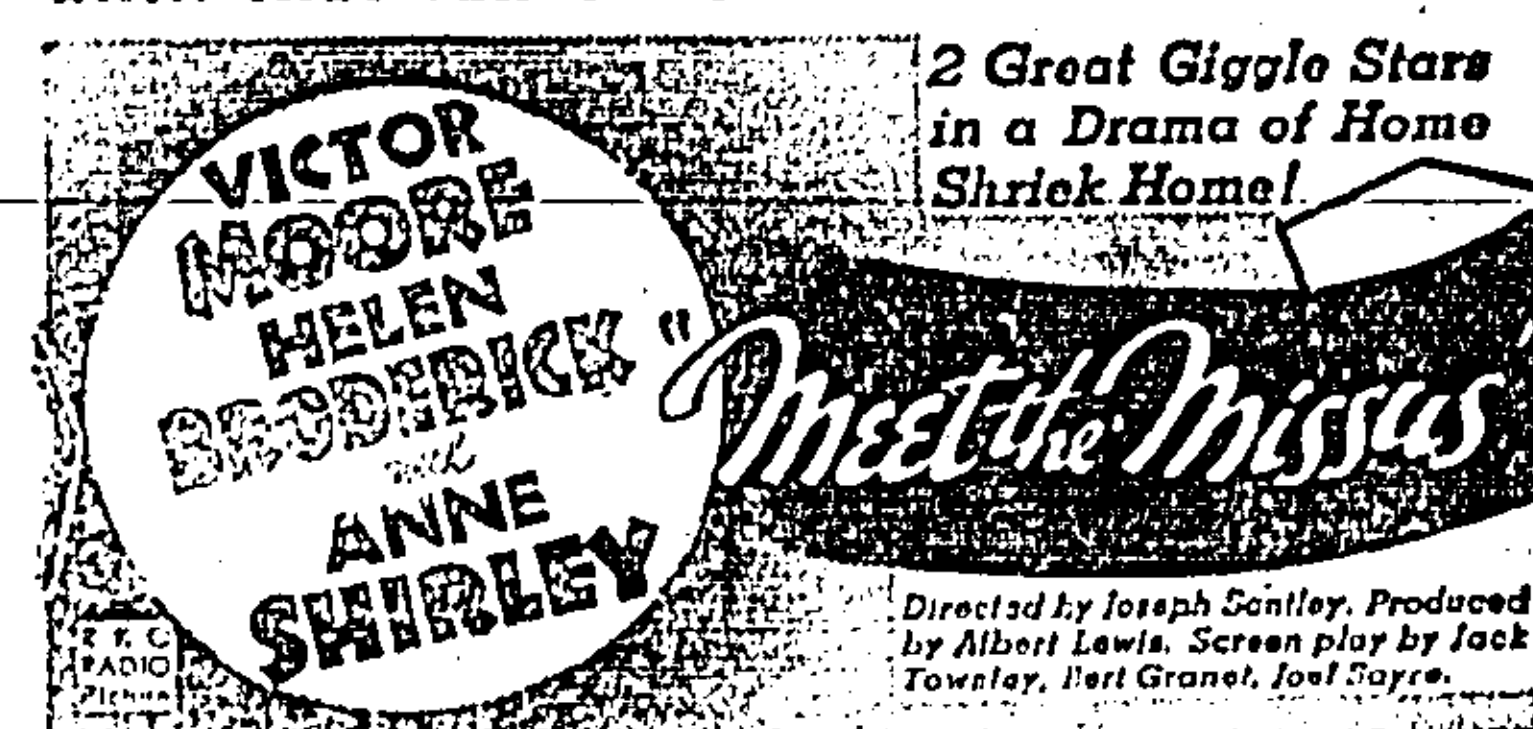
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Shanghai Mills Looted During Occupation

Shanghai, Jan. 14.
 The Japanese have issued a statement from the 7000 spinning mills, which were looted when the Chinese left the south bank of Soochow Creek with a loss of 17,000,000 yuan. It claims that the mills and offices were looted while the British had occupation of the property between August 14 and 24.

The statement alleges that the Chinese constructed, probably with the connivance of the British unit, a pill box with two feet thick walls in Chungshan Road near the mill, which is an extra-settlement area but under the control of the Municipal Council, and that the British failed to carry out the Japanese request to halt construction.

The British took over the defence of the mill from the Japanese on August 14 and remained until October 27 when the Japanese declared they evacuated after giving notice of only 10 hours. It is said that after September 25 the British refused the Japanese access to the mill although the machinery required care.

On a recent visit to the mill, which covers many acres of land, a United Press correspondent saw hundreds of looms and spindles practically a complete loss. — *United Press.*

BRAVED MOB

One Japanese Woman Stayed In Tsingtao

Tsingtao, Jan. 14.
 Only one Japanese stayed in Tsingtao when all the inhabitants withdrew, and remained here throughout. She is Mrs. F. A. Flossel, wife of a German cable proprietor, who has been in Tsingtao for 24 years. Mrs. Flossel, who was married 23 years ago, was formerly Miss Ino Okuba, and has a daughter, Kate, aged five who has been going back and forth to the Holy Ghost Convent daily. Mrs. Flossel stayed at home like a prisoner since the day four and a half months ago when some Chinese shouted insulting remarks to her. Now she goes out freely as Japanese marines, soldiers and civilians are everywhere in Tsingtao. She is a German citizen by marriage.

Checking The Loot

Japanese naval officers are busy at the German Club checking the recovered loot stored there. Most of the Japanese homes have been looted and Japanese residents will not be allowed to return until officials inspect them. Neutrals are putting up Japanese friends until their homes are opened. The worst looting occurred in the homes of employees of the Yokohama Specie Bank. Mr. M. Tsurumo, manager of the D.K.K., has been appointed acting Harbour Master. British coast vessels are expected to resume the temporarily suspended calls at Tsingtao shortly. — *Reuter.*

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DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS AT AMOY

CHINESE SEIZE PROPERTY OF JAPANESE FIRMS

Allegedly Ill - Treating Formosan Residents

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Indicating that considerable trouble is fomenting in Amoy, a Japanese report says that the Chinese military authorities at Amoy have seized the branch offices of the Bank of Formosa, which they have been using as their offices since January 3.

According to information received, says this report, the Chinese oppression of Formosan residents in Amoy is becoming worse. Two Formosans, one an executive member of the Formosan Association at Amoy, and the other the Secretary, were recently executed by a firing squad.—*Reuter*.

TSINGTAO'S NEW GOVERNOR

Expected To Be Mr.
Chao Chi

Tsingtao, Jan. 15.
Mr. Chao Chi, Director-General of the Tsingtao Administration under the former Peiping regime, will most probably be appointed Governor of Tsingtao by the Peiping Provisional Government, which has assumed jurisdiction over the port, according to reports.

Supporting these reports, a despatch has been received stating that Mr. Chao is en route to Tsingtao by steamer, although he has two rivals for the post, namely Wen Shou-eh, former Governor and Chu Hsuan-peng, commander of the provincial troops in Wen's time. Chao's choice is most likely as he is persona grata with the Japanese and popular socially with foreigners.

It is expected the five-barred flag will be hoisted if and when he assumes office. Tsingtao was the last place in China to haul down this flag on the occasion of his departure on May 8, 1929.

After leaving Chao gave instructions for the flag to fly over the administration building until his ship left port for Dairen. He was the Governor and Mayor from July 1923 to May 1929, when he left as a political refugee from the advancing nationalist troops.

Chao returned to Tsingtao after Shen Hung-ieh was appointed Mayor and he remained there until last September when he went to Tientsin.

Railway guards and employees of the Kiaoai Railway were marched to the police station and requested to leave the premises as the South Manchuria Railway was being taken over by Japanese army. They added that at present they were taking an inventory.—*Reuter*.

Chinese P. O. Workers Face Salary Cuts

Effect Of Severe
Revenue Losses

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
All local post office employees' salaries will be cut 40 per cent. after January due to the loss in revenue on account of the hostilities. The employees suffered a 20 per cent. cut in September last.

It is learned that other offices throughout China have been similarly treated.

An official said that income had been reduced by 50 per cent. However efforts were being made to resume service in Japanese-occupied areas, especially near Shanghai. Services in Hongkew, Nantao and Chapel were already partly functioning.—*United Press*.

CHIANG TO CRY "PEACE"?

Tokyo Awaits Decision

Before Action

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Prince Konoye, Premier of Japan, visited the Emperor yesterday and submitted the decisions of the Cabinet and Counsellors. An early release of these decisions is expected.

Well-informed circles state that it is understood the decision of the Imperial Conference will be released the moment Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's reply to the peace terms arrives in Tokyo. They said that in the event of Chiang Kai-shek accepting the terms or showing willingness to discuss them the Japanese procedure will be moderate. On the other hand a flat refusal of the terms will result in continued military action with increased vigour.

Opinion is expressed that the reply is expected to be delivered through German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen.

Herr von Dirksen visited Mr. Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister yesterday, thereby raising belief that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's reply had been received. However the Foreign Office and Embassy were silent on the subject. One informant said it was understood Chiang Kai-shek's reply was expected to coincide with the opening of the Imperial Conference. However, it is stated that the Chinese leader requested a few days in which to study the demands.

The only indication noticeable in Tokyo concerning the nature of Chiang Kai-shek's reply to the Japanese peace terms is contained in Hongkong despatches reporting that Madame Chiang has said her husband was personally commanding the Lung-hai railway front, with "strong anti-Japanese feeling" still prevalent. Furthermore some despatches quote the newspaper Ta Kung Pao urging "continued resistance, regardless of the consequences of the Imperial Conference."—*United Press*.

STATEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Speculations concerning Japan's future attitude to China will be set at rest during the week-end when a statement enunciating Japan's fundamental policy will be made public, according to reports.

Persistent German efforts to incite, it is stated, apparently reached a point calling for a vital decision whether Chiang Kai-shek would accept or turn down Japan's peace proposals.—*United Press*.

M. Bonnet To Form A New French Cabinet

DUKE AND DUCHESS GO TO CHURCH



AT CHURCH.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, accompanied by the American Ambassador William C. Bullitt, extreme left, leave the American church in Paris after attending Thanksgiving services there. They sat with the Ambassador in his special pew. The church, whose membership includes all Protestant denominations, was decorated with American and British flags.

JAPANESE FACE BIG MILITARY PROBLEMS

Vital Necessity Of Linking Northern & Southern Fronts

Hankow, Jan. 15.

Japan's task is to unite her southern and northern fronts in China and to seize and consolidate the entire Tientsin-Pukow railway line, said a prominent military expert in an interview.

It will take at least six weeks, possibly longer, to accomplish this, he said. All Japanese operations on the Peiping-Hankow railway and other fronts are auxiliary to this main campaign. When Japan possesses the entire Tientsin-Pukow railway line, she will be able to transfer troops to any point quickly and efficiently.

The speaker was of the opinion that the much-touted Japanese offensive against South Shansi will not materialise in the shape of a frontal attack, since there are many indications that a Japanese attempt to achieve mastery of Shansi means the outflanking of Chinese troops in the south after advancing down the Peiping-Hankow railway.

Flanking movements constitute the classical method adopted by Japan in the present war, and the fate of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line at Hsuehchow most probably will not be decided at Hsuehchow, but following the Japanese attempt to cut the Lung-hai railway line at Kweli, where the Japanese have advanced after gaining possession of Tientsin, which at present, Chinese troops have recaptured.

Concerning Japanese aims and intentions along the Hunan railway, on which is situated Hsuehchow, at present still in Chinese hands, the Japanese may attempt to advance towards the Peiping-Hankow railway by cutting the line at Shinyang, south of Chenchow, after which the capture of Hankow would be much easier.

WORRIED BY GUERRILLA TACTICS

Great numbers of Japanese troops are at present being transferred from Shansi to the Peiping-Hankow front. However 30,000 Japanese troops are remaining in north Shansi where they are attempting to clean up sections of the Eighth Route army and other partisan units who are ever-present threat to the Japanese communications in the rear.

"Japan's second war against the Eighth Route Army" began on January 10, when 2,000 Japanese infantry, accompanied by twelve tanks and twelve mounted guns, engaged a force of Eighth Route Army soldiers and volunteers near Shenchu, a pitched battle lasting from dawn to dusk. Towards evening the Chinese managed to turn the left flank of the Japanese detachment which retired to Shenchu.—*Continued on Page 4.*

AMERICAN INSULTS HITLER

Headstrong Speech
By A Former U.S.
Ambassador

Washington, Jan. 14.

The German Ambassador to Washington, Dr. Hans Dieckhoff, has protested to Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, against a speech delivered in New York yesterday by Mr. William Dodd, former U.S. Ambassador to Berlin, in which Mr. Dodd described Herr Adolf Hitler as "now more absolute than any medieval Emperor of Germany", and added that almost as many personal opponents were killed in five years as were executed in 20 years during the 17th century.

In an oral representation, Dr. Dieckhoff described Mr. Dodd's speech as an "unheard-of insult to a friendly nation."

Replying to the protest, Mr. Cordell Hull stated that he informed Dr. Dieckhoff that, Mr. Dodd, having resigned his Ambassadorship, spoke as a private citizen, who, as an individual under the Constitution, was entitled to the freedom of speech. It is believed that Dr. Dieckhoff acted on his own initiative to forestall the expected request by the German Government for a strong protest.—*Reuter*.

NEW JUSTICE

Dr. P. B. Wilkinson has been appointed an Official Justice of the Peace in Hongkong, with effect from last Monday.

FALL OF FRANC MUST BE HALTED DURING WEEK-END

Feverish Efforts To Avert Crisis End On Note Of Promise

Paris, Jan. 14.

M. Albert Lebrun, President of the French Republic, is seeking an All-Star Cabinet to restore confidence in the financial and social structure which the Left Wing and Popular Front have shattered, apparently beyond immediate repair.

The situation is regarded as a national crisis and the Government, through the Bank of France has asked banks not to deal in foreign exchange pending the establishment of a new Cabinet.

The stock exchange opened as usual, but the money market was closed.

M. Lebrun consulted the President of the Senate, M. Jules Jeanneney, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Edouard Herriot, after which he invited M. Camille Chautemps to form another Cabinet, but the former Premier declined.

M. Lebrun then continued his search for a candidate.

COMMUNISTS REMORSEFUL

Meanwhile the Communists who had precipitated the crisis were apparently regretful of their action for their leader, M. Arthur Ramette said: "We had no desire to overthrow the Government. We hoped the Popular Front would be preserved. We hope the unity of the Communist, Socialist and Radical-Socialists will continue."

M. Chautemps' Cabinet requested the President, M. Lebrun to continue in office to handle current affairs, and appointed M. Yvon Delbos to go to Geneva on Saturday to consult with Mr. Anthony Eden, British Secretary, on the problems which will be considered at Monday's League Council meeting.

M. Chautemps expected for national calm in the time of crisis.

M. BONNET TO TRY

M. Georges Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has agreed to try to find a Cabinet after Messrs. Chautemps, Daladier (National Defence Minister) and Albert Sarraut (Minister of State) had refused.

Trading in the franc has been suspended. It is considered imperative to form a Government during the week-end which would be prepared for energetic measures to stop the fall of the franc, halt the flight of capital and replenish the treasury, and deal with the intricate problems of Labour.—*United Press*.

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THREATENED

Washington, Jan. 14.
The French crisis has threatened to upset the tripartite agreement and considerable interest is shown to M. Chautemps' opposition to any form of exchange control, in which case some observers believe the franc would not receive unlimited support from the United States equalisation fund.—*United Press*.

WHY M. DALADIER REFUSED

Paris, Jan. 14.
M. Daladier refused M. Lebrun's invitation to form a Government, owing to the importance of his task in conducting the Ministry of Defence at the present juncture. The President then summoned M. Sarraut.—*Reuter*.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RESUMES POST

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Commissioner of Police, has resumed duty after local leave.

During Mr. King's absence from office Mr. C. G. Purdue was Acting Inspector General of Police.

The name of Mr. Donald MacAllister has been added to the list of authorised architects in Hongkong.



ARMY CHIEF.—In a shake-up of the British Army, to make way for younger men in important posts, Major General Viscount Gort, above, 51, succeeds Field Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, 63, as Chief of the Imperial General Staff. The shift was recently announced by War Secretary Leslie Hore-Bellisha.

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MORNING RAID ON CANTON

Canton, Jan. 15.
The air raid alarm was sounded shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, followed a few minutes later by the roar of three Japanese planes over the city, heading northward in the direction of the Hankow-Canton railway. Anti-aircraft guns thundered into action, but no hits were scored.

This was the first time guns were audible in the city since the exciting raid ten days ago when the schools at Saichuen were destroyed. Eight planes were sighted at Tungkanwan at 8.20 a.m. apparently heading for Canton and 25 minutes later guns were again in action, but no details of the encounter are available. Several fragments of shrapnel were picked up in the Tungshan district.—*Reuter*.

HAN FU-CHU'S REVOLT

Hankow, Jan. 15.
It is rumoured that Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, revolted against the Central Government before he was put under arrest.—*United Press*.
(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

Surprise Dish

SEFTON CUTLETS

CHOP some small mushrooms, a little parsley and shallots, season with cayenne pepper, and salt. Let this simmer gently in a little butter, but do not allow it to get brown. Then add a little good brown sauce; mix altogether, and let it get cold. Trim the cutlets rather thinly, and split each one through to the bone. Put in a layer of the mixture and press the cutlets flat. Egg and breadcrumb them in the usual way, and fry them in clarified butter.

Serve with this sauce: Scrape a stick of horseradish, slice an onion, and tie up a small bunch of herbs. Let these simmer in half a pint of good stock until reduced one-third. Strain into a stewpan, and add the same quantity of tomato sauce.

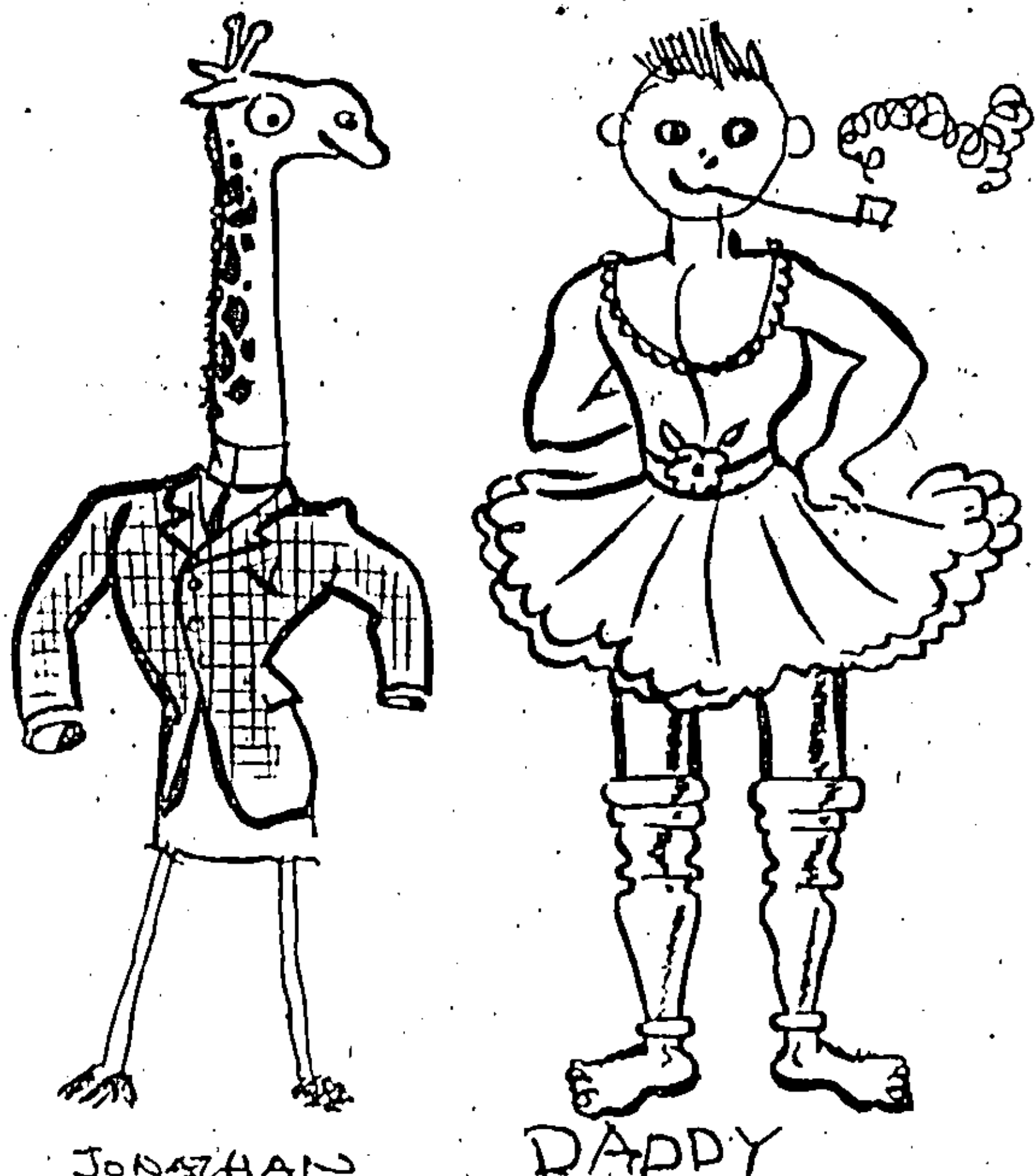
HOME PAGE COOK

Cakes

WASH and scrape 1 lb celery and put it into a pan of cold water. Bring to the boil and strain. Then fry the celery and 1 chopped onion in 1 oz butter for a few minutes. Now add 1 pint water, and cook till the celery is tender, about 2 hours.

Rub all through a sieve, return the puree to the pan, and add ½ oz corn-flour broken down with ½ gill milk. Then cook for 10 minutes longer, season to taste, and add ½ gill cream before serving.

B. M.



Mr. Cooper amuses his son
with a game called—

"Heads, bodies and legs"

FOR the first time in his six years of life my son Jonathan spent a day in bed yesterday.

He woke up and complained of headaches, stomach aches, and another ache which appeared from time to time in his left leg, ear, back, and wrist.

And as for the last week or two he has been off his food, and a little pale and languid in comparison with his usual rather florid, vulgar health, my wife took it seriously and sent for the doctor.

It appears there's nothing to worry about. He's slightly lacking in something chemical; it's not whooping cough, measles, or scarlet fever, all of which I had considered as possibilities.

And he's to eat a lot of sugar, barley sugar, and boiled sweets. Jonathan was delighted.

ANYWAY, as it is difficult to get him to eat meat and vegetables, we are to cram him with nuts, cream cheese, fruit, and honey, which sounds very advanced-thought and Bloomsbury, but I suppose it's all right.

And, of course, glucose—that seems very important, which I must say surprised me rather.

I can remember when I used to buy pots of strawberry jam at school they nearly always said on the label "Guaranteed to contain no glucose." Nowadays I suppose you buy pots of glucose guaranteed to contain no strawberry jam.

SO he stayed in bed, which was all right as long as the novelty of the thing didn't wear off, which it did, of course, about mid-day. Luckily the situation was saved by having lunch in bed.

After lunch, when he had upset his glass of water and his bed was full of rice pudding, he got very bored.

I went up to amuse him.

IT'S not easy to keep a child amused in bed; he'd read all his books, and he asked me to tell him a story; my mind went quite blank.

I said what kind of story? "Well," he said, "tell me about the little boy who went down to the grocer's to get a bag of rice and when he was coming back he got kidnapped by a gentleman in a car, so he made a hole in the bag and the rice fell out and his mother just followed the trail of rice and when she got there she said give me back my boy you dirty beast, or I'll tell the police about it."

I SAID I thought he seemed to know the story rather better than I did, but if he wanted me to I'd tell him again. He said yes, so I repeated it almost word for word, and he sat enthralled.

Then we played dominoes, made paper darts and gliders, played noughts and crosses, judo, at which he cheated.

THE real success was an absurd game called heads, bodies, and legs: It's played in much the same manner as consequences, that is with a strip of paper on which one person draws a head, then it gets passed on to the next one, who draws a body, and so on.

That kept him, and me for that matter, amused for hours.

SOME of them had dogs' heads, dressmaker-stand bodies, and Chippendale chair legs.

I felt as if I had done a really hard day's work by the time he was asleep.

I think I'll stay in bed to-morrow, as long as Jonathan doesn't come in to keep me amused.

My wife, who seems to have gone into the question of glucose, tells me that it contains carbohydrates essential for Jonathan's digestion. Highly strung children sometimes suffer from a bad or sluggish digestive system, cannot get energy from food. Glucose digests food, frees energy—simple.

Ann Rutledge



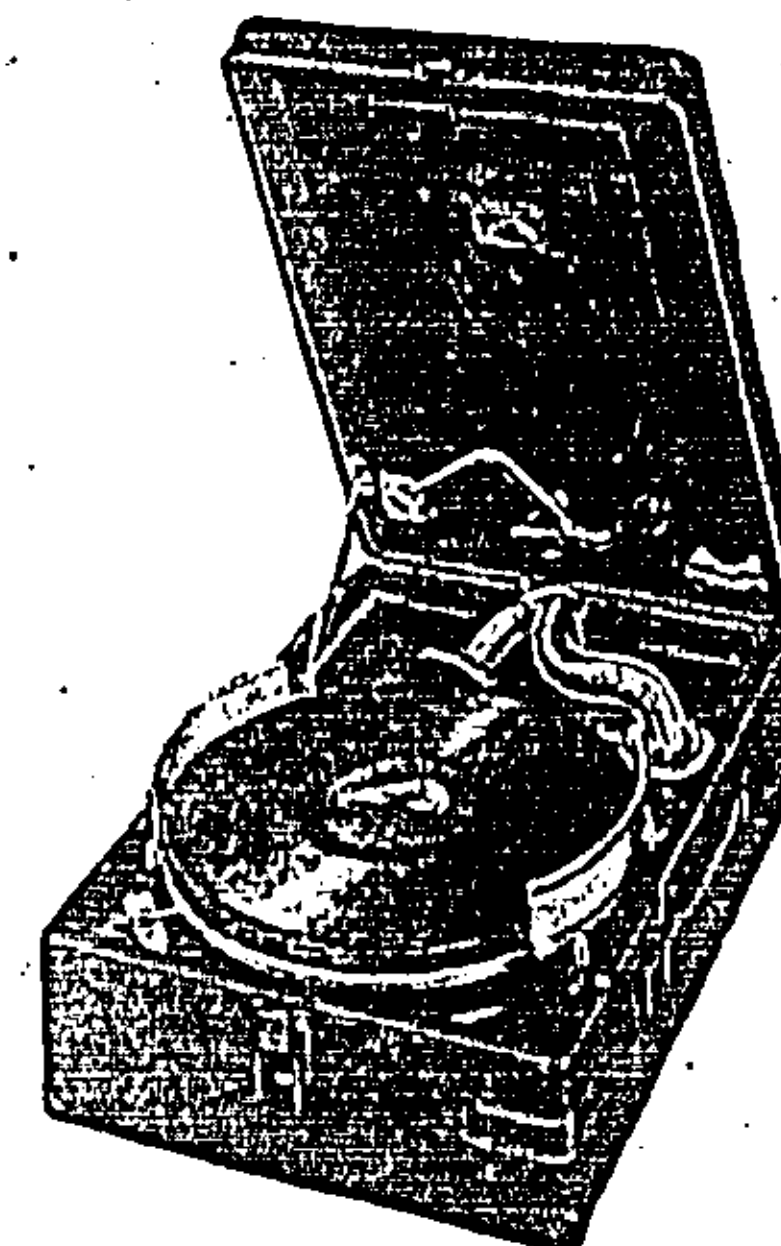
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COOKERY LESSON

Omelettes and Souffles by Countess Morphy

THE making of an omelette is one of the simplest things in cookery—and one of the most difficult. The fundamental recipes are extremely simple, but there is a knack in the making of a successful omelette which is almost a "sleight of hand." Some people are born omelette-makers, just as some are born conjurers.

The famous chef, Escoffier, described an omelette as "nothing more than a special kind of scrambled eggs, encased in a thin coating of slightly solidified eggs."

And that is exactly what a good omelette should be—creamy and "runny" inside, and the outside only just sufficiently set to allow of folding.

The choice of a pan is important. It should be thick. Omelettes cook too quickly in a thin pan. The pan should be sufficiently large for the egg mixture to be spread out thinly, the remaining and liquid part will be the result of using too small a pan, evenly cooked. Stop stirring for 2

An omelette pan should never be used for anything else. It should never be washed. As soon as it has been used, it should be wiped with a dry, clean cloth. It is thus kept slightly oily and perfectly smooth.

Omelettes

FOR a plain omelette, the ingredients are 2oz. of butter to every 3 eggs, a good pinch of salt and a dash of pepper.

Break the eggs in a basin, mix them with a fork so that the yolks and whites are well blended, but do not beat to a froth on any account. Do not break the eggs beforehand, but only when the folded.

Sweet omelettes are made in exactly the same manner, omitting the salt and pepper, and adding a little sugar instead.

Souffles

ALTHOUGH there are slight variations in the recipes for various souffles, the following is a simple and general one, which can be used as the foundation of most souffles.

For four people: melt one heaped tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, add one tablespoonful of flour, and stir to a smooth paste with a wooden spoon over a very slow fire. Add very gradually, and still stirring, ½ pint of hot milk. Remove from the fire and stir in the yolks of four eggs, well beaten. Replace on the fire, and in the case of fish, chicken, game or vegetable souffles, add a ¼lb. of any of these ingredients, previously cooked and finely minced or preferably rubbed through a sieve.

Stir over a slow fire till the mixture begins to thicken, seasoning with salt and pepper. Remove from the fire and let stand till nearly cold. Then add the whites of egg beaten to a very firm snow. Pour the mixture into a well-buttered fireproof soufflé dish, filling it only three-quarters full. Put in a fairly brisk oven at first. Then continue cooking in a moderate oven for 20 to 25 minutes, till the souffle has risen, and the top is lightly coloured. Serve at once.

Afternoon Tea Celery Soup

HERE are one or two delicious and easy-to-make little cakes which you might like to "try-out" at your next tea-party.

This orange cake is specially light: Cream four ounces of butter (or margarine) and four ounces of caster sugar, and then stir in two eggs, one at a time.

Sieve together five ounces of flour and half a teaspoonful of baking powder, and mix these in slowly, stirring carefully. Stir in the grated rind of an orange and its strained juice.

Well grease a sandwich tin, pour in the mixture and bake in a moderate oven. Split when cold, and spread with orange marmalade before making a sandwich with the halves.

Queen of Hearts Biscuits

Cream four ounces of caster sugar and half a pound of butter (or margarine) and add two well-beaten eggs, fourteen ounces of flour, and a few drops of almond essence. Roll out the mixture to a quarter of an inch in thickness, and shape with a heart-shaped cutter. Bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes. When the biscuits are cool, ice one biscuit and place another on top with a dab of icing, a glace cherry, and a strip of angelica.

To make the icing, mix together a dessert-spoonful of water, four ounces of icing sugar, and a few drops of almond essence.

Eastern Cakes

Cut half a pound of dates very small. Mix together and sift well two cups of sifted flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and half a teaspoonful of salt.

Cream a quarter of a cup of butter with the same amount of sugar. Beat in an egg. Then mix in the prepared flour and a quarter of a cup of milk. Lastly, fold in the dates; turn into small greased tins and bake for about twenty-five minutes in a quick oven.

Lemon cakes are also delicious: Cream quarter of a pound of butter with half a pound of sifted sugar, beat well until really creamy. Add a teaspoonful of lemon juice, four eggs (the yolks only previously beaten) and the grated rind of a lemon.

Mix together five ounces of flour and a quarter of a teaspoonful each of salt and soda. Add this to the other mixture and fold in four well-beaten egg whites. Turn into buttered tins and bake for an hour in a moderate oven.

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—Sir H. Buckland

On the first anniversary of the burning down of the Crystal Palace Sir Henry Buckland, general manager, told a London newspaper that a new scheme to replace the old building had been decided upon and would be announced in the New Year.

"The scheme decided upon," he said, "is not one of those suggested, or even mentioned, publicly. It is our own scheme."

Among the schemes that have been put forward since the fire are:

- An Empire sports arena and stadium;
- Convalescent home;
- Permanent exhibition of domestic architecture, decoration and equipment;
- Empire Palace of Agriculture;
- A National public park;
- "Educational Laboratory";
- Permanent aircraft exhibition;
- South London Cathedral;
- South London Zoo; and
- "House of Youth."

PRIZE FOR ARCHITECTS

Elaborating the position of those who are considering the future of the Crystal Palace, Sir Henry said:

"The scheme we have in mind will cost about £1,000,000, but until the financial position is secured nothing can be done regarding the scope of the scheme."

"Obviously, these days of financial instability and political uncertainty do not make out task easier."

"The site will not be cleared by the demolishers until March, but we shall announce our decision before then. Our plans will have been fully drawn up by the New Year, and with the announcement of the shape the reconstruction is to take we shall offer architects a prize for the best design and then invite tenders."

"Make no mistake about it. We are looking 20 or 30 years ahead, and the new building will be worthy of the nation and of the old Palace."

"As soon as we know what the finances are at our disposal—and that

GERMAN AIR LINER'S SAFETY DEVICE

FASTEST SERVICE CLAIM

By A Correspondent

Berlin. A faster, safer and quieter standard aeroplane is to be adopted by German Lufthansa Airways, and will be placed in service on the Berlin-London route early this year. It will then be gradually introduced on other routes.

This machine, which I inspected recently, is likely to attract considerable attention, and has, I gather, been selected from a number of possible alternatives. It is an all-metal four-engined Fokker-Wulf "Condor" monoplane, not hitherto used for passenger services.

The number of passengers carried is 26. A safety device in case of emergency is provided by a knob above each window which, when pulled, causes the whole frame of the plane to fall inwards and allow immediate exit.

The cruising speed of 205 m.p.h. will make the Lufthansa service, the fastest, it is claimed, in Europe.

will be very soon—we shall make our announcement. Insurance of the old building has brought us in only £120,000, and in our plans we shall have to consider the insurance of the new building at 20s. per cent."

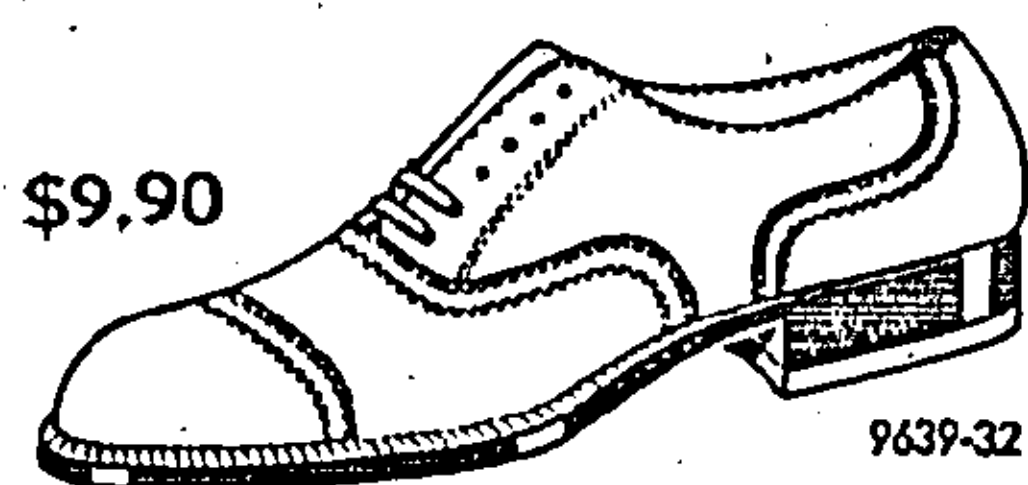


DRESSED IN WHITE, the mourning colour of China, Sir Robert Ho Tung was a dignified figure at the funeral this week of Lady Clara Ho Tung. — Staff Photographer.

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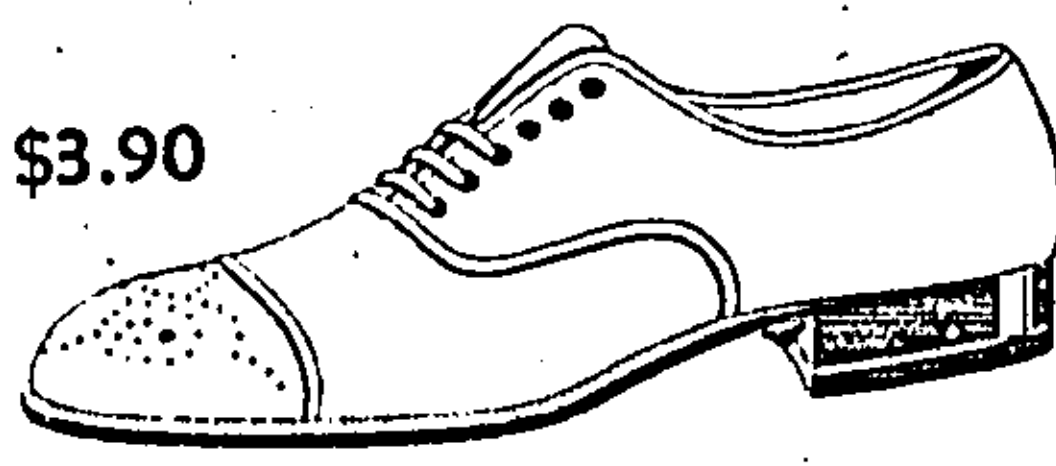
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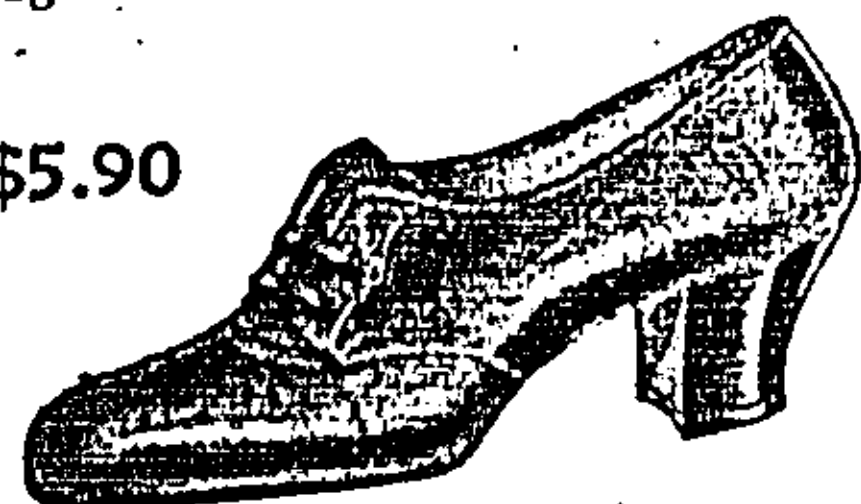
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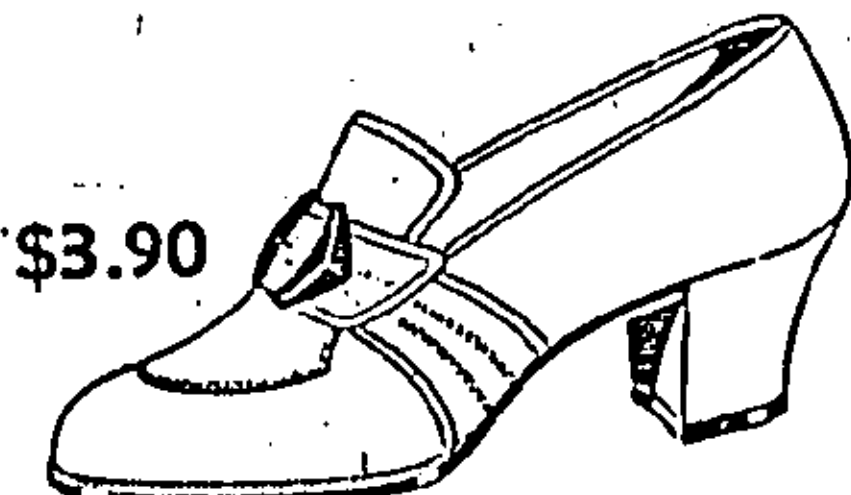
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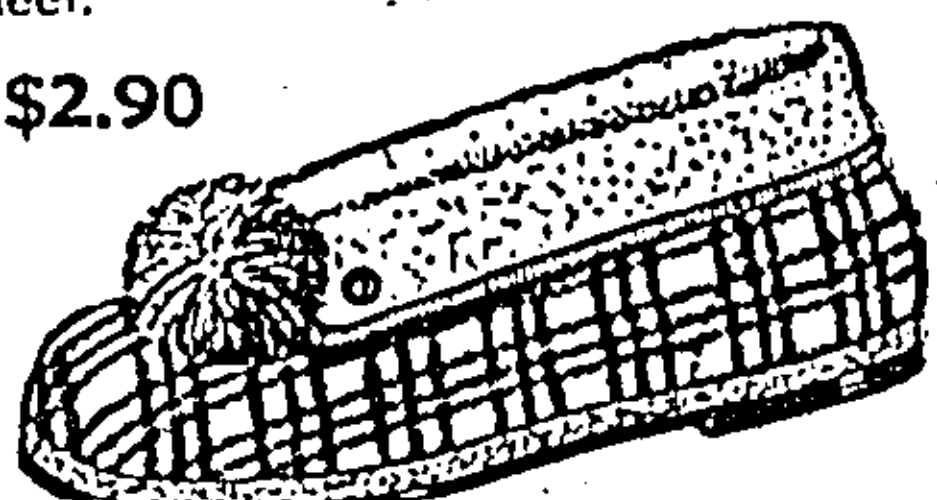
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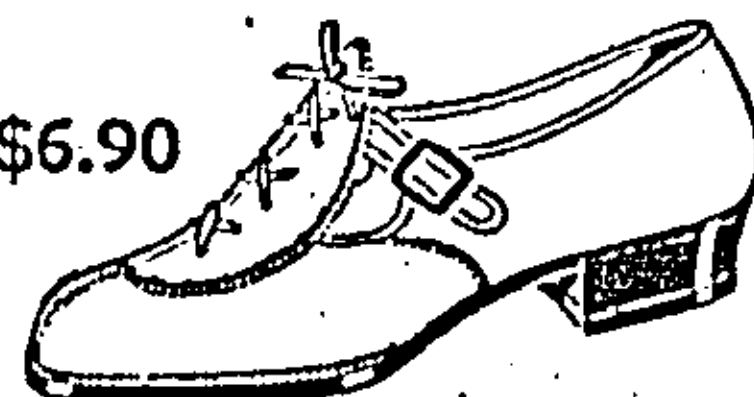
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Growing Naval Strength

By HECTOR C. BYWATER

Frank disclosures regarding the present and future strength of Germany's new navy are made in the German Naval Annual for 1938, a semi-official volume just published with the approval of the Berlin Admiralty.

It shows that when the new vessels now building are delivered the German Fleet, excluding older units, will consist of:

- 2 35,000-ton battleships with 15in guns.
- 2 20,000-ton battleships with 11 in guns.
- 3 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" with 11in guns.
- 3 10,000-ton armoured cruisers with 6in guns.
- 2 10,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
- 8 6,000-7,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
- 2 aircraft carriers of 10,250 tons.
- 22 super-destroyers, 1,025-1,800 tons.
- 30 smaller destroyers.

Of ocean and sea-going submarines. This establishment, it is pointed out, is based on the Anglo-German tonnage ratio of 100:35 fixed by the treaty of 1935. It is added, however, that the current German programme takes account only of Britain's total tonnage on Jan. 1, 1937, and has not yet been adjusted to counterbalance the subsequent very large increase in British tonnage due to the rearmament plan.

INCREASE FORESHADOWED

The implication is, apparently, that Germany will eventually lay down further ships to maintain her ratio.

In submarine tonnage, the treaty entitles Germany to 45 per cent. of the British total, and reserves to her the right to go up to 100 per cent., provided that she first consults with the British Government.

The composition of the new German submarine fleet is:

- 10 ocean-going boats, 712-740 tons.
- 21 sea-going boats, 517 tons.
- 30 coastal boats, 250 tons.

Of these boats the ocean and sea-going types are armed with six torpedo tubes, while the coastal boats carry three tubes.

UNDERWATER PROTECTION

A feature of the two 35,000-ton battleships is their enormous beam—118ft. This compares with the 106ft. of the Nelson and Rodney, the broadest ships in the British Navy, and the 105½ft. of the Hood.

It is evident that the underwater protection of the German ships is exceptionally strong. They will mount eight 15in guns, twelve 6in, and twelve 4.1in anti-aircraft guns.

The two 20,000-ton battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, mount nine 11in guns. It is explained that this comparatively small calibre was chosen to save weight for armour protection. It will be seen, therefore, that the British and German authorities are working on similar lines as regards the development of the battleship.

German's three new armoured cruisers will mount eight 6in guns in twin turrets. They will, it is stated, "resemble the seaworthy and powerful British ships of this type, which can steam at 32 to 33 knots."

A number of escort vessels, with the remarkable speed of 28 knots, are also under construction.

The new annual makes no reference to the rapid growth of the personnel, which now numbers nearly 50,000.

I. G. P. In Assam Dies Suddenly

Calcutta.

All Government offices in Assam were closed recently out of respect to the memory of Mr. T. E. Furze, Inspector-General of Police in Assam, and Joint Secretary of the Home Department, who died at Shillong.

Mr. Furze had been in the Indian police for 30 years.

A White Tiger.—A fine specimen of the rare white tiger has been presented to the Indian Museum, Calcutta, by the Maharaja Bahadur of Gidhaur, where it was shot.

Maharaja Honoured.—In recognition of their action in throwing open temples in the State of Travancore to the depressed classes, the Maharaja of Travancore and his mother have been awarded the honorary degrees of D. Litt at the Andhra University, Waltair, Madras Presidency.

and that was the end of the conversation."

UNION'S ADVICE

When the other man returned from a visit to the bank he was given a month's notice immediately.

Reporting these facts, the current issue of Peace News, official organ of the Peace Pledge Union, says that both men had taken the organisation's advice to wear red Haig poppies as well as white ones.

DISMISSED FOR PACIFISM

Two young men, aged 24 and 23, have been given a month's notice by a firm of Lloyd's underwriters in London—because they wore white Peace Pledge Union poppies as well as red Haig poppies in the office on Armistice Day.

Both men live at Leigh-on-Sea. One, who maintains a widowed mother, has been employed by the firm for four years.

The other, who supports a dependent relative, has been employed there for seven years. The fathers of both fought through the Great War.

THE ONLY REASON

The manager of the firm said: "The only reason they were given notice by the principal of the firm was that they declined to remove the white emblems from their coats in office hours. There was no other reason."

"The principal considered the emblems were an insult to the dead and to the people in the building who lost relatives during the war. If the men had removed the poppies they would not have been dismissed."

"No action would have been taken if they had worn them outside the office only."

The men have asked the News Chronicle not to publish their names, because they fear they may be unable to obtain further employment in the City if their views are known.

"A LOT OF CROOKS"

One of them said: "On the afternoon of Armistice Day the principal called me to his room and said, pointing to the white emblem: 'What does that thing stand for?'"

"I replied: 'It stands for the Peace Pledge Union, sir.'"

"The Principal then said: 'You are being hoodwinked by a lot of crooks, and it is an absolute insult to the company. You people who will not fight for the country are no good at all. I cannot have it in my office. Either you stop wearing the thing or take a month's notice.'"

"I replied that my opinion was based on a religious principle."

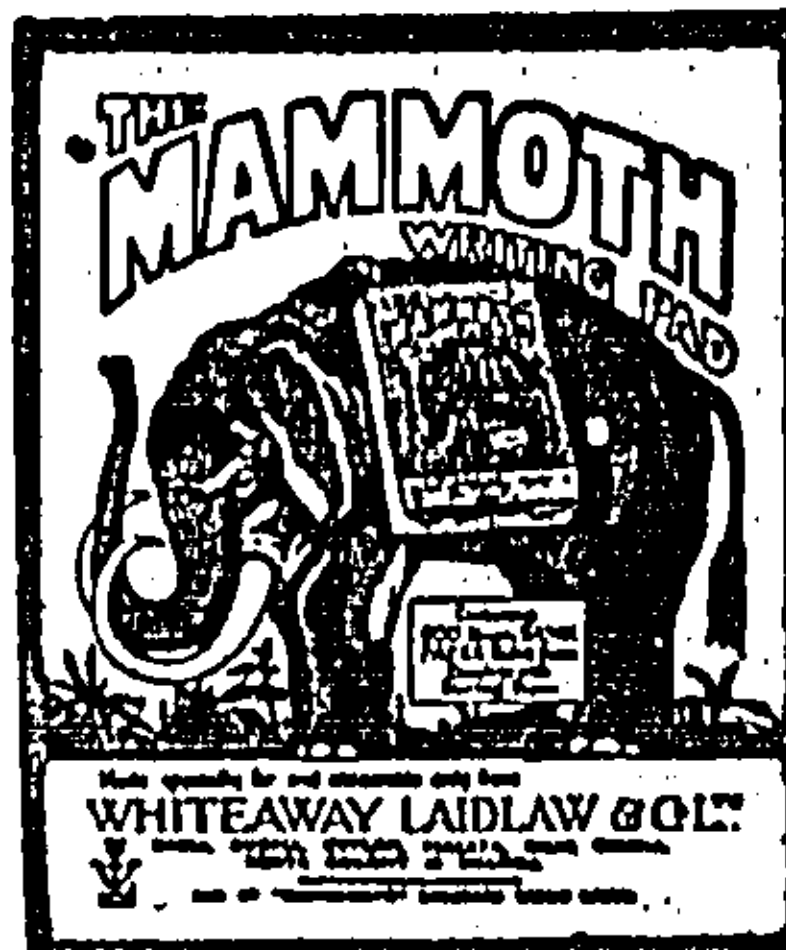
"My employer replied: 'Your religious principle is crooked compared with mine.'"

"I said I was sorry he saw it in that way and he replied that he did

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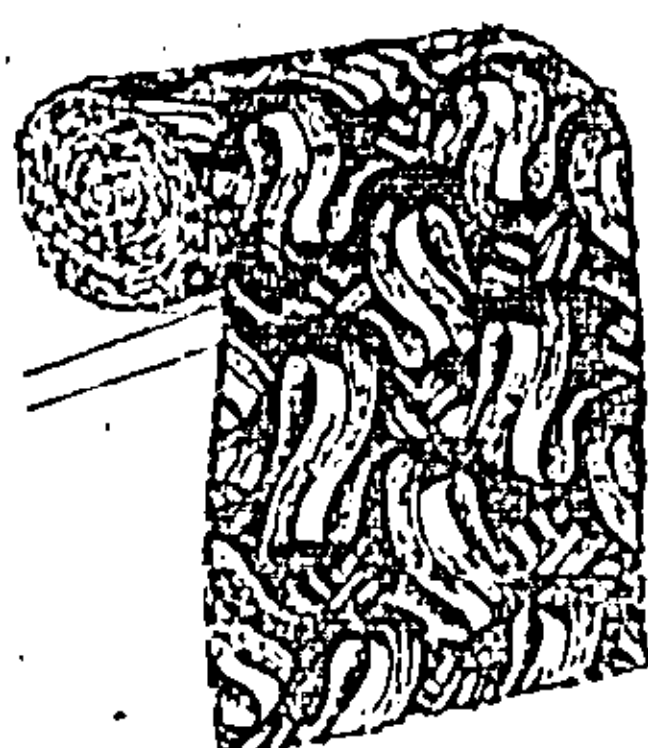
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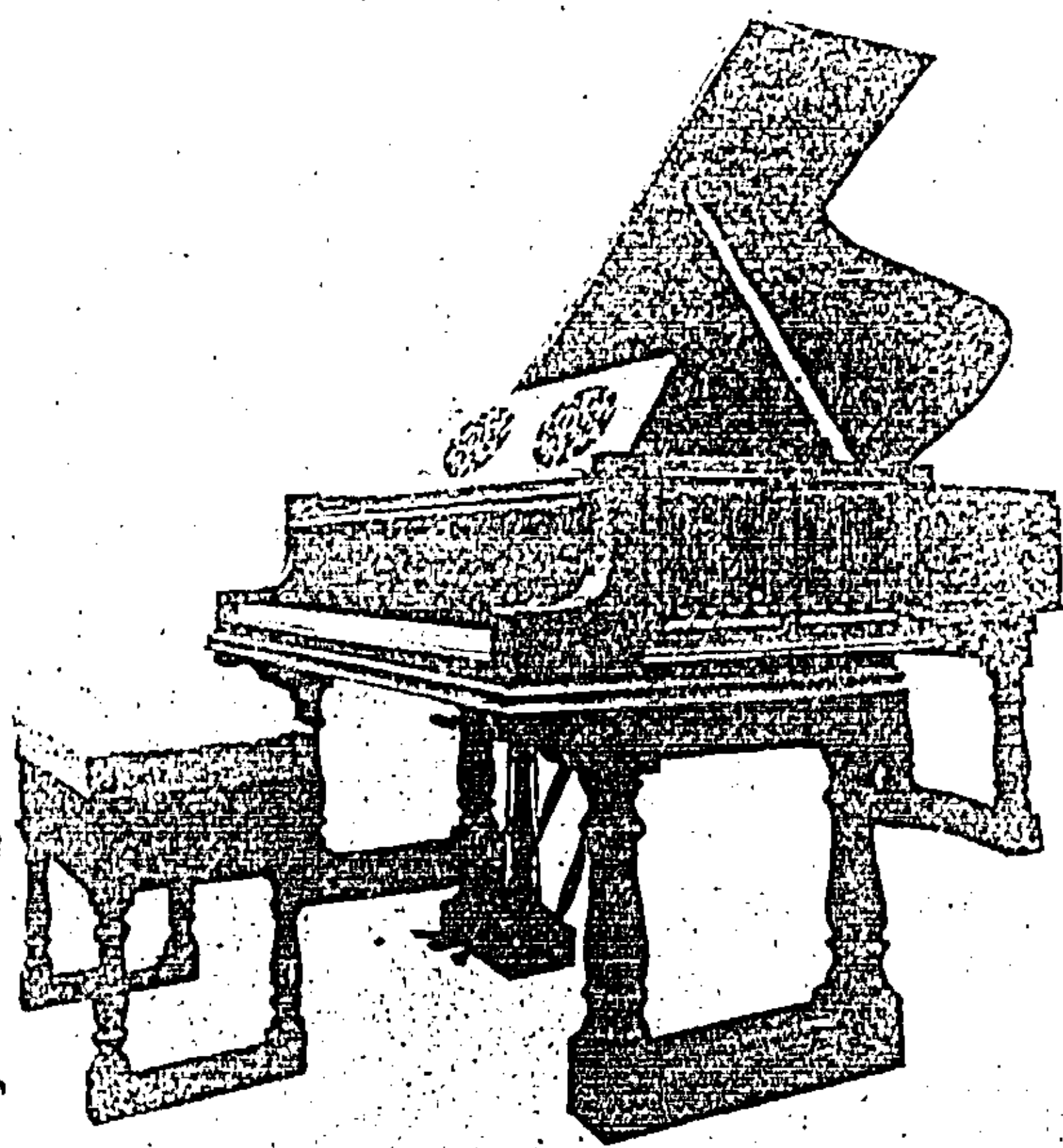
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ROCKY ROAD TO
REVOLUTION

There is an odd similarity between the two most bitterly opposed political systems of this age, Communism, as the Russians know it, and Fascism, as preached in Italy and other totalitarian states. Each has sprung from revolution, has progressed, or evolved, through similar stages; and each has experienced the blood and suffering and terror and bestiality which are the hand-maidens of revolution. But the remarkable thing about these two systems of government is that, though their aims have been always very different, they seem to have arrived at much the same point, at least at this time. It is, perhaps, because they have travelled the same ugly road.

The Russian revolution was to have freed the serfs of that great country, down-trodden, ill-used, imprisoned, butchered on occasion by the servants of the government. Twenty-one years after the upheaval, when men and women turned to murder to win themselves an ideal state, one is struck by the incongruity of their actual accomplishment compared with their often spoken and published aims. Have they won freedom? The recent Russian elections provide the answer. They were nothing short of farcical. In all of Russia there were only two constituencies where there was more than one candidate. Who would dare to oppose Stalin and the steam-roller party machine which crushes with such discrimination?

"Russians," observes Time, "still have their mail tampered with, their telephones tapped, and are still likely to be waked up in the night to be carted off to gaol without warrant or due process of law..." That sort of thing might be excused in states where dictators rule and where there is no pretence of freedom, but in Russia, where Lenin and his helpers thought to cradle world revolution, socialism and Utopia, it seems out of place. Russia's recent history has been remarkable for its executions of political trans-

COMMUNICATION with the unseen spiritualistic world has always been an intriguing subject with the majority of mankind.

Practically every branch of the human race, civilised and barbarous, has vouchsafed its firm conviction in the belief that the disembodied souls of quondam inhabitants of the earth may be brought en rapport with the living through means of the mesmeric trance.

Thus we find that certain individuals, possessing peculiar susceptibility to the influx of ideas or promptings from the spirit world, are tempted by either gain or curiosity to hold a seance for the benefit of those who would like to receive messages from the departed. These clairvoyants, or mediums, to employ the more general term, have of course abounded in every age, and have, on account of undoubted psychical power, won immense followings and prestige.

Some have been seers, like the witch of Endor who materialised Samuel for the benefit of Saul, whilst others have been mere mediums, like the pythia of the Delphian oracle, who were able to advise questioners on the course of future events.

It is such mediums as the latter who have been sought after by the Chinese; for the Chinese mind, as a general rule, is deeply concerned with the belief that peradventure, a prescience of the future may be of incalculable value.

Consequently we find that the people are deeply interested in the idea that an individual's luck or personal success may somehow or other be dependent upon the whims of his departed ancestors.

To the Chinese, the stability of family ties is so marked that even death is not considered a separation; for the spirits of the departed dwelling in the shadowy realm of Yam-kaan or Hades are continually watching over the welfare and interests of all their descendants upon the earth. Hence, if a family should be in great mental distress through the illness of one of its members, or should profess a desire to know whether an intended marriage is advisable, or should seek to discover whether the chosen burial spot of some relative is propitious,—or indeed, upon any other of the myriad subjects which concern the daily life of the people, the Chinese naturally desire to ascertain the opinion of their forefathers.

The Chinese are, however, pre-eminently a practical people, and consultations with the departed are not accomplished so easily. Consequently, there exist, as in other lands, individuals who are able to enter into communication with the spirit world, mediums and the transportation to Siberia of countless thousands of unfortunates who were guilty of no more than a natural resentment at this sort of government.

If Russia's road is one way to freedom and democracy it is high time the world looked for some other. It is remarkable that leaders of nations can be so lacking in discernment that they should choose the hardest way to reform. The advanced democracies can be pardoned for a little self-satisfaction in having discovered the advantages of constitutional revolution and orderly revolt.

SPIRITUALISM IN CHINA



By
T. Paul
Gregory

and who for a fee will act as a medium for the imparting of intelligence from the dead to the living. In the West, spiritualistic mediums may be of either sex, but in China, the majority of those engaging in this profession are elderly women.

Whilst they may be met with everywhere in this ancient land, it is said that those who come from Kwangtung in the South are the most proficient. In the Cantonese vernacular, these mediums are termed *sheng-p'oh*, literally "sorceress" or "witch." Sometimes, too, they are called *sin-p'oh*, which means "fairy women," although it must be said that the former expression is by far the most usual. It may be interesting to mention that whilst almost every Cantonese *sheng-p'oh* is reputed to be a medium of considerable ability, it is those who hail from the countryside around Shek-lung in the district of Tung-koon who are considered by the Cantonese themselves to be super-eminent in their profession.

LET us assume that a certain family desires to consult one of its members who has crossed the great divide. He must, however, be dead at least one hundred days before any communication can take place with his spirit; for the Chinese affirm that the soul takes this length of time to reach the domain of Yama, the king of the underworld.

An important factor, is that those who seek the required information of the deceased spirit must be women; for the Cantonese *sheng-p'oh* refuse to hold a seance in the presence of any of the male sex. Consequently, it has been exceedingly difficult for the writer to obtain first-hand information on the subject;

but he has been fortunate in interviewing a number of Chinese women who had been present on one of these occasions, and who have kindly supplied him with most of the facts.

After the arrival of the *sheng-p'oh*, or medium, at the house where she is to hold the pre-arranged seance, she is escorted by the feminine portion of the family to some quiet back room. Here a table and some low stools have been provided. Upon the table there is sometimes placed the *seung-chen*, or portrait of the person with whom it is desired to communicate. Near the stool where the medium is to sit is placed a small basin containing rice. Candles are lighted, and *gwen-po* or imitation paper money is burnt. Likewise, a part of the procedure requires that a number of paper charms called *pi-chi*, (paper cut-out somewhat in the shape of a Chinese robe) should be burnt as an offering to the spirits.

As mentioned above, no man can be present, and there is also a singular rule observed that no copy of any of the Chinese Classics, especially that portion of the Confucian Canon known as the "Great Learning" must be left lying about in the room. Indeed, it is stated that should any of these precautions be neglected, the medium will declare that the spirits are not en rapport and will refuse to go on with the seance. When everything has been finally declared ready, the *sheng-p'oh* ascends from the onlookers their desires and the complete facts regarding the nature of the difficulty under which the family labours, together with the additional data as to the name, sex, date of birth and death, etc. As soon as she has learned all these particulars, she crouches on one of the stools and humps up her back in such a way that her face rests upon her knees. In this uncomfortable posture, she commences to chant the following words in the modulated semblance of a prayer:

"Saam-kwoo-tse, sz-kwoo-neung, Ts'ing nei yan ngoh to Yam-fong! Yap-to Yam-fong, yan hoh-sz pei loi? Ts'an-sok ngoh ts'an-yan— Ts'an ngoh ts'an-yan kong kwi-wa chuen-loi Sung ngoh ts'uk-ts'uk tso waan-yeung."

A translation is given in verse, although whilst it is very free it is yet rather accurate in substance:

"Ye sisters three—ye ladies four,
O' lead me to Hades' door!
What would ye do in Hades?
Speak!
My kindred seek, one word to say
Then quickly lead me back, I
humbly pray."

THIS ritualistic incantation is thrice repeated. At each repetition, the medium seems to go more and more into the influence of a trance. As soon as the words have died from her lips the last time, a tremor comes over her. Her body straightens, her limbs relax, and a cold clammy sweat streams from her face and temples. She appears to the beholders to be as a person dead, save for convulsive trembling of her lips, which now and again dribble saliva.

She is now said to be en rapport with the spirit world, and her clients may now interrogate her. Her answers are given in a high unnatural voice, which at times shrieks with crescendo force.

"What do you see?" she may be asked.
"Nothing, nothing! It is so dark. I can't see anything," is the reply.

"Now what do you see?"
"It is a little lighter now. Ai-ya, yes, I can see much better now. Yes! yes! I see houses—many, many—"

"Do you see any people?"
"No not yet. Ai-ya—yes, yes! I do now. I see them. They look so thin and hollow looking. Ah, one is approaching me."

Ai-ya-a-a! I recognise him. He is the one you seek. (Here the hand of the medium stretches forth, and grasping a handful of rice casts it in the direction of the interlocutor).

THE identity of the one established, the *sheng-p'oh* is now in a position to answer all manner of questions regarding the deceased spirit, which now begins to converse with the members of its former family through the agency of the medium.

At length, after the curiosity of the family has been gratified, the seance may be declared over. The medium is roused from her trance, by having her name shouted three times in her ear, and she goes through all the rigmarole of rhythmic convulsions. Each limb seems to gradually recover its sensibility, and at length she sits up rubbing her eyes and yawning as if waking from a deep sleep.

She rises to her feet, and going to the table washes her eyes with some *shing-shui* or "holy water" (made by mixing the ashes from a burnt charm with a quantity of clear water). After this is done, she burns some imitation paper money as an offering to the spirits and, business-like, demands her fee (which may be any amount from 50c upwards) and takes her departure.

It may be interesting to note that the deities who are invoked in this incantation are supposed to be the *ts'at-tse* or "seven sisters," the Chinese name for the Pleiades. (See the writer's article in the Pictorial Supplement of the Telegraph, Saturday, August 14, 1937).

BULLS AND INNERS

From the Office Butts

A certain local golfer has such a fine opinion of himself that its stymie was called the bogey man.

Cheese is still an important item of army food. Even so, there are stillions left.

Cheer up! It's only 344 days to Christmas.

We overheard a newcomer say that he can't get a decent egg in Hongkong. He should import a few ostriches.

A writer in a London journal asserts that it's wrong to restrain girls too much. If they don't advertise themselves they're liable to be left on the shelf.

The accordion is said to be an easy instrument to play. We thought it had too many ins and outs.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club intends to fix a limit to the number of a player's clubs. What does it matter, so long as it is a round number?

The latest craze among pet owners in Britain is the acquisition of freaks, such as white sparrows, white blackbirds etc. In Hongkong several race pony owners have discovered that they own white elephants.

It is said that the Navy recruiting authorities find difficulty in securing good cooks. Perhaps it's because some cooks feel bad at sea.

Confidence Man Who Wanted To Take 60,000 Welshmen To Edinburgh JUST LIKE ALICE IN WONDERLAND

STRANGE STORY REVEALED IN FRAUD CHARGE

A remarkable story—described as "a fantastic tale—a page from Alice in Wonderland"—of a middle-aged man who claimed to have made arrangements to cater for 60,000 visitors from Wales for the Scotland-Wales international rugby match, involving a sum of £30,000, was told at Edinburgh Sheriff Court recently.

The man, who had twelve previous convictions, was sent to prison on being convicted of two charges of fraud.

The trial took place before Sheriff Jameson, evidence for the prosecution being conducted by Mr. Macleod, the Depute Fiscal.

The accused was Frederick Bain Weir, a middle-aged man, in custody, and he pleaded not guilty to a charge, that (1) on November 7 he obtained, from an Edinburgh firm, the hire of a motor car for a journey to Coatbridge and Lennox and the return journey to Edinburgh, to the value of £4, without paying and not intending to pay therefor; and (2) on November 9 he obtained food and cigarettes to the value of 2s. in an Edinburgh restaurant without paying and not intending to pay therefor.

A partner in an Edinburgh firm of motor hire said that on Sunday, November 7, he got an order by telephone from an hotel for a motor car to take a man to Coatbridge and back. He later learned that the account for the hire had not been paid.

The taxi-cab driver, who took Weir to Coatbridge and back, said that on their return to Edinburgh accused handed him a business card and said he would pay the fare at the firm's office the following morning. Weir did not turn up at the office.

The cashier of the firm in question said that the account was still outstanding.

CASUAL CONVERSATION

A work's timekeeper employed with a firm at Coatbridge gave evidence relating to the call Weir made on him at his home in Coatbridge. He said he met Weir for the first time in an Edinburgh hotel lounge and got into casual conversation with him. Weir told him that he was a friend of a man who was a member of the firm and that he was a friend of a man who was a member of the firm.

Weir asked witness if his firm could help out his friend, and witness gave Weir his firm's business card, telling him to telephone or write the firm about the matter.

Later that night, witness was astonished to have a call from Weir who had come from Edinburgh by taxi-cab. Weir told witness that his friend told him that speed was more important than expense and that was why he had come by taxi.

It was never suggested to witness that he was to pay for the taxi and when he received an account for £3

from the taxi firm he went into Edinburgh and saw the firm about it. The reason he actually went to Edinburgh was that the whole thing was so annoying.

In connection with the second charge the manager of a restaurant and public-house in Edinburgh said that Weir, whom he knew, had come to him and said that he could not pay his bill after having had a meal and a packet of cigarettes.

"A BIG BOOKING"

In answer to a question as to former dealings with Weir, witness said that accused saw him about a big booking for the Welsh Rugby international match at Murrayfield, on February 5. Witness agreed to take 600 people for three meals that day at an inclusive charge of 6s per head and Weir was to receive 7½ per cent commission. Nothing was to be payable until the whole business was finished.

Witness added that Weir had asked him for small loans of £10 and £20, and he had expressed his astonishment to Weir that a man earning £40 per week, as Weir claimed, should have no money.

"DONE UNUSUAL THINGS"

Weir, giving evidence on his own behalf, said he was 50 years of age. His version of the meeting with the Coatbridge man was that he regarded himself more or less as acting as agent for that man. He would not have gone to Coatbridge but for that as he had no business or reason to go to Coatbridge.

He got nothing out of it, and indeed was out of pocket, and he firmly believed that he was acting on the instructions of someone who intended to pay for the taxi.

Regarding the second charge accused said that he had some £20 coming from the restaurant firm in commission in connection with the Rugby international match, and it was ludicrous that he would have prejudiced his chance of obtaining that sum for the sake of two shillings.

Weir was being cross-examined when the Depute Fiscal, Mr. Macleod, asked, "Do you usually go long distances in taxis?"

Weir—"It is unusual for me to do so. I have done many things that are unusual." (Laughter.)

Later Weir, turning to the Sheriff, said, "I am trying to get on my own feet, my Lord."

The Sheriff—"You could do that better by keeping out of taxis."

Weir went on to appeal to the Sheriff, saying that he had a chance of doing good business and that a conviction on this occasion would spoil that chance.

"I have bookings in theatres and with caterers that involve £30,000 and 60,000 people who are coming from Wales to the match."

"This is certainly a fantastic tale—a page of Alice in Wonderland rather than a Court of law."

"A TASTE FOR TAXIS"

The agent submitted that the charges against Weir had not been proved.

The Sheriff—"I am bound to convict him."

The Clerk of Court read out twelve convictions, which Weir admitted.

Speaking in mitigation of the offence and appealing for a fine to be imposed instead of imprisonment, the agent said the convictions were all for a very similar type of offence.

"The accused's offences always seem to be restricted to the sphere of 2s 6d or something of that nature," he said.

The Sheriff—"But he has a taste for taxis and runs up enormous bills. The accused has had an extraordinary and somewhat fragile life," continued the agent. "To a certain degree he is an educated and intelligent man, and if he got out of his present position he could make himself a useful citizen. He is at present engaged in a scheme for catering for visitors from Wales, and from my perusal of the documents, if he can implement his side of the bargain he has got caterers in this city to enter into a bargain by which he stands to gain a considerable sum of money."

"A GENUINE EFFORT"

The Sheriff—"I hope it is that the caterers do not stand to lose."

The agent said the accused did seem to make a genuine effort to rehabilitate himself and get himself on his feet, and this was the first real chance he had had since the War.

"A sentence of imprisonment will kill this chance. It is a fragile case, and one cannot help thinking that Weir has potentialities and gifts which some ordinary men do not have."

The Sheriff said he would have to convict, even if he took into consideration this long zigzag about introductions and all that sort of thing. It was all just too absurd.

"People do not do such ridiculous things as Weir suggests," he said, and addressing Weir, the Sheriff remarked, "I am sorry about you. I have sentenced you time and time again. We cannot allow you to go about and put members of the public to such a lot of trouble and expense as you do. I send you to prison for four months."



ANCIENT FEUD ENDS—Centuries-old Anglo-Scottish feud ended when the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale was married in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Lady Elizabeth Ivy Percy, as above. The feud began when a Douglas carried off the daughter of a Percy and slew her father. This wedding, however, was one of the Empire's swankiest. The bride was one of the Queen's aides.

AIR WOMAN DEMANDS RECOGNITION FOR CAPE FLIGHT

Mrs. Betty Kirby-Green is up in arms against the attitude of the Royal Aero Club towards her recent flight to the Cape and back with Flying Officer A. E. Clouston. She declares the club refuses to incorporate her name as co-pilot in the facts sent to the Federation Aeronautique Internationale for official recognition.

"If Mr. Harold Perrin, secretary of the Royal Aero Club, chooses to call me a liar, I shall demand an apology," she said angrily.

"The attitude taken up by the club is a direct challenge to my honesty."

KINGSTON "NECKING" PARTIES

GIRL'S "SHOCKING STORY"

After a girl had given evidence in which a "necking party" was mentioned, Mr. Justice Charles, at Surrey Assizes, Kingston, directed the jury to find a man not guilty of a serious offence against her.

After the man, Raymond Aubrey Pullin (20), aeroplane test pilot, of Sutton Lane, Hounslow, Middlesex, had been discharged the Judge said: "This is a shocking story obviously made up and invented by the girl."

Mr. Laurence Vine, prosecuting, said that the girl, Miss Joan Alice Welch (20), was perfectly respectable and Pullin was a perfectly respectable man. They had known each other three or four months and had met three times a week.

On the evening of August 29, after having some drinks with friends at Shepperton, the couple drove to Runnymede, where they got into the back of the car and kissed and cuddled.

Subsequently, it was alleged, Pullin pulled the girl out of the car and the alleged offence took place.

Replying to Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., defending, Miss Welch said that her mother had kept a pebble which had been struck off for serving drinks after hours.

WHEN THE "PETTING" BEGAN

Mr. Hutchinson—Did you tell a young man that you were going to a necking and petting party?—No.

Were the lights turned out and each man sat with a girl either on a chair or on the floor, and that was when the petting began?—Yes.

Did you join in the party?—Yes. Replying to the Judge, Miss Welch said that she left the party about 4 a.m.

She agreed that she had gone into a bedroom with a young man, but nothing improper took place. She also agreed that she kissed a man who taught her riding in Sussex. She kissed Pullin the day she met him.

The Judge—There is a regiment of young men. She allows them to kiss her when she sees them.

At the conclusion of Miss Welch's evidence, the Judge said that he would want a great deal of corroboration before he left the matter with the jury.

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Chanson D'Amour (Suk); By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates). The Dancing Clock (Ewing); Poupée Valsante (Poldini). A Night on The Waves, Finalist. Waltz (Koskima); Electric Girl (Holmes). Dance of the Merry Muscats (Ketelby).

1.10 Time and Weather.

1.33 Variety.

Dirty Face (Hogan); My S.O.S. For You (Layton); Turner Layton. Waltz. Memories; Froise and His Band; John Henry's Night Out; John Henry. Rolling Down the Hills; Billy Trail; Under The Old Pine Tree; The Hill Billies. One Never Knows, Does One?; Mal Hallett & His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Musical Comedy.

"He Wanted Adventure"; Bobby Howes and Company with Theatre Orchestra cond. by Joseph Tunbridge.

2.15 Close down.

6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Excerpts from Grand Opera.

Lohengrin—(Wagner) Prelude... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Siegfried Wagner. Lohengrin—in Fernem Land... Richard Crooks (Tenor). Meistersinger—Prelude... Richard Crooks (Tenor). Prince Igor (Borodin). Overture... Symphony Orchestra, cond. by Albert Coates.

Tosca—"The Stars were shining." Rigoletto—"Woman is fickle." Gigli (Tenor).

7.30 Variety.

Phantom Brigade (Myddleton); Aisha (Lindsay)... London Palladium Orchestra. Do you remember my First Love Song? Why did I have to Meet You... Gracie Fields. Clapham and Dwyer on "Fobbies". Tiger Rag; Some of These Days... Mills Brothers. "Heart's Desire"—Film Selection... Cine Studio Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Studio—J. McNaught Thomson accompanied by Nura Kanis.

1. Loving Smile of sister kind (Gounod); 2. I hear a Song (Carne); 3. Caragoes (Coningsby Clarke); 4. My Journey's End (Morgan); 5. Melts in the Wood (Goetz).

8.20 Walton—Facade Suite.

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8.37 Teimanka (Violin) with Chamber Orchestra.

London in A Major—Schubert.

8.50 London Relay—"London Log" A Talk by E. A. Montague.

9.0 Variety.

Sing, Gipsy, Sing; Thirty Thrifty Throats... Anona Winn. Roberta—Selection... Arthur Young and Reginald Forsyth on two pianos. Winter Sports; Pets... Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.

Funeral March of a Marionette; Nola... Sydney Gustard (Organ). Slipping Through my Fingers; Got to dance my way to Heaven... Jessie Matthews.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

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5. Vieni, Vieni; 6. Caravan; 7. Make a wish; 8. Boo-hoo. 10.30 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

10.40 9. Harbour Lights; 10. You're my Dish; 11. More Power to You; 12. Waddlin' at the Waldorf. 10.55 Interval of dance music from Z.B.W.

11. Nos. 13 to 16 Waltzes. 11.15 Interval of recorded dance music from Z.B.W.

11.20 17. Mihini Mele; 18. Love is on the air to-night; 19. You've got something there; 20. Ole King Cole. 11.35 London Relay—Wales v. England.

A commentary on the International Rugby Union Football Match from Cardiff Arms Park. 12.15 Close down.

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Duchess Of Windsor In "Who's Who"

London, Jan. 1. The Duchess of Windsor, American-born wife of Great Britain's former king, entered the British Who's Who to-day with publication of the 1938 edition.

The duchess, who was the former Wallis Warfield of Baltimore, Md., was listed with the royal family as were the wives of the other brothers of King George.

She was the only one of the royal wives, however, whose date of birth and parents were not included.

The former king was listed as follows: "Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David (Duke of Windsor). Succeeded his father, King George V, January 20, 1936; abdicated December 11, 1936. Married June 3, 1937, Mrs. Wallis Warfield."

"Edward signed formal abdication papers on Dec. 10 at 10 a.m., but did not cease to be king until the following day when George VI was proclaimed monarch."

The Duke of Duchess of Windsor came after King George and his family and Queen Mother Mary in the royal family listing.

The new Who's Who is 28 pages larger than the 1937 edition, having 3703 pages.

The editors still list Haile Selassie as Emperor of Ethiopia and give him the same amount of space as Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy. Each received 32 lines of print. Premier Mussolini's biography is in Italian.

President Roosevelt was given 18 lines, the same as last year. Others whose sketches were not changed included Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany and Joseph Stalin, Soviet Dictator.

Former President Hoover was given 27 lines this year compared with 33 last year.

One of the longest sketches in the volume is that of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, who was given 144 lines as against 139 lines last year.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL RETURNS TO NORMAL AGAIN

FOUR SENIOR GAMES FIXED FOR TO-DAY

MIDDLESEX OUT TO BEAT SOUTH CHINA "A"

(By "Abe")

After several weeks of Shield and holiday programmes, League Football in the Colony returns to normal to-day with a full quota of matches in all divisions. Four senior games will be decided this afternoon.

Though they have played only nine matches, South China "B" lead the field with 17 points, only one below the maximum, and it is extremely unlikely that their undefeated record will be spoiled to-day when they meet the Club at Caroline Hill. The South China "B" men need only to produce average form, I imagine, in order to take both the points, the long-awaited Club improvement shows no indication of materialising. Yet to earn a single point, Kowloon Chinese will be up against the Kowloon F.C. on the latter's ground. The K.F.C. have been weakened considerably by injuries and one thing and another. Their prospects of winning to-day are very uncertain inasmuch as Howlands, Ulrich and Hills will be absent from the side. Nevertheless, against the weak Chinese eleven, it is possible that they will just about scrape through. Howlands, who has been such a tower of strength in the last line of defence, is nursing a bad ankle, while Ulrich is also on the injured list. To make matters worse, Hills, their energetic centre-half, will be working, I am told, and will not be available. As a result, Eastman has been brought back to the side in place of Ulrich; Evans goes to centre-half and Jeffries will be between the sticks. How the new combination will work together remains to be seen, but if the Chinese seize their opportunities, it is quite on the cards that this game may give them their first point of the season.

THE BEST MATCH

The best match of the day would be that between Middlesex and South China "A" at Sookunpoo. When the teams first met earlier in the season, the soldiers held the Chinese well in the first half but collapsed altogether in the second and conceded five goals. I doubt whether the Chinese will win by that margin to-day even if they do take the points. The military players' chance of holding the Chinese depends on whether their halves can check the schemings of Fung King-chung and Lai Shui-wing, the two most dangerous forwards in the South China line-up.

The Seafarths slipped badly in their first meeting with the Police, and it is not likely that they will be caught napping again. If the Police forwards were a little more dangerous in front of goal, I would hesitate to say which side would emerge with the points; but as things are now, I think the Seafarths will be able to take their revenge.

Only one game will be played in the First Division to-morrow, Eastern playing St. Joseph's at Causeway Bay. It should provide a keen game. The Saints will be without the services of Pickering, formerly of the Ulster Rifles, who has been doing yeoman service for them in recent weeks, and will have to rely on their own players.

TEAMS SELECTED

The following teams have been selected:

South China "A"—Choo Siow-hong; Mak Shiu-hon, Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi; Lee Kwok-wai; Tang Kwong-sum; Lal Shiu-wing, Fung King-chung; Cheuk Shek-kan and Cheung Moon-wing.

Club.—L. D. Sidaner; Hill, Nogaitzik; Fowler, J. Skinner, Hynes; Fisher, Scott, Fowler, Stone and Bickford.

Kowloon.—Jeffries; Souza, Eastman; Maxwell, Evans, Connor; Knox, Jorge, D. Knox, V. White and Honnibal.

Kowloon Chinese.—Ho Po-pui, Chan Hoi-ching, Kwok Chung; Woon Mok-hing, Chung Kiu-fai, Chan Weng, Chin Chi-fai, Tin Yung-fai, Wong Yak-tin, Kwok Wai-ye and Yeung Kwan-ki.

Police.—Manning; Bone, C. Pile; Brittain, Gough, North; T. Pile; Morrison, Wilberton, Howlett and Moss.

St. Joseph's.—R. Marques; A. J. Hussain, V. Costa; G. F. Remedios; N. Bettam, C. Marques; T. Castillo; A. Ward, D. Leonard, J. Gomes and A. Alves.

REYNOLDS DROPS OUT

Change in England's Rugby Fifteen

London, Jan. 14. F. J. Reynolds (Old Cranleighians) who was selected to play for England in the International rugby match against Wales at Cardiff to-morrow, is suffering from tonsillitis and will be unable to turn out. His place will be taken by P. Candler, of St. Bart's Hospital.—Reuter.

CHESS TITLE WON BY AN AMERICAN

London, Jan. 7. Mr. Samuel Reshevsky, the American champion, won the international chess tournament at Hastings to-day. He finished with a score of seven points for nine days' play. Mr. Alexander, the young British master, tied with the Estonian, M. Keres, for second place. Other competitors included five Americans, Mr. Flohr, of Czechoslovakia, and Sir George Thomas, British chess champion in 1923 and 1934.—Reuter.



MAX STOPS THOMAS IN EIGHTH—Before a crowd of 18,000, in Madison Square Garden, New York, Max Schmeling, German heavyweight boxer who wants to regain the world championship title, won a technical knockout over Harry Thomas of Eagle Bend, Minn. Above, Thomas is down on one knee as Referee Arthur Donovan moves to halt the fight, in the eighth round.

REFEREE LEAVES COLONY

SGT. Isley Sails For England

(By "Abe")

Football in Hongkong will definitely be the poorer as from to-day with the departure of Sergeant E. G. Isley, one of the most efficient referees who ever officiated in the Colony. Sergeant Isley leaves for England by the troopship Dorsetshire at noon.

A senior referee for many years before he came out to Hongkong in November, 1934, Sergeant Isley's ability was recognised immediately on his arrival. This is proved by the fact that he was selected to officiate in both the Interport matches played in Hongkong since 1934—against Shanghai, in 1935 and 1937.

While in England, he had refereed extensively in first class matches in his home county, Surrey, and in the Army.

During his term in the Colony, Sergeant Isley has been serving on the Committee of the local Referees' Association and was a member of the Army Referees' Examining Board and the Army Selection Committee. His wide experience of football and footballers made him a very useful member of the last-named body.

Together with Sergeant W. R. Reynolds, Sergeant Finch and Cor-

Triangular Rugby Tie To-day

Club To Clash With Army

The final game of the Triangular Rugby Tournament, already won by the Royal Navy, will be played this afternoon between the Club and the Army on the Club ground at Happy Valley. This match will decide who will hold the "wooden spoon."

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and their Excellencies the Commander-in-Chief and the General Officer Commanding will be present at the game, which starts at 4 p.m.

Preceding this encounter will be a match between H.M.S. Cumberland and the Club "A" XV, starting at 2.45 p.m.

The teams have already been announced.

port—S. McCormac—Sergeant Isley during the off-season organised classes for the benefit of Army men desirous of being soccer referees, and with his colleagues, has been instrumental in raising the standard of Army refereeing in the Colony.

Well-liked by officials and players alike, Sergeant Isley's departure is regretted by all local soccer enthusiasts, who would wish to have him longer in the Colony; but troop movements will otherwise.

I am sure all players and officials alike will join me in wishing him "bon voyage" and the best of luck wherever he goes.

BADMINTON LEAGUE GAMES

Domestic Affairs At Recreio

Of the three matches arranged last evening in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, only two were played. What promised to be the most interesting tie of the programme, that between the Free Lances and Kowloon Tong, was postponed. At the Club de Recreio was a domestic affair, the "A" team defeating the "B" side by eight games to one. The undergraduates were at home to Taifoo and won the return encounter by six games to three.

Scores:

RECREIO "A" v. RECREIO "B"
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva beat A. M. Rodrigues and Miss H. Remedios 21-12, beat A. E. Xavier and Miss C. Botelho 21-14, beat E. A. B. Alves and Miss A. Remedios 21-9.
J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro lost to Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 23-24, beat Xavier and Miss Botelho 21-12, beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21-13.
L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro beat Rodrigues and Miss Remedios 21-20, beat Xavier and Miss Botelho 21-17, beat Alves and Miss Remedios 21-17.

UNIVERSITY v. TAIKOO

Miss Ullian Khoo and T. F. Yong (Varsity) beat Miss I. Cunningham and C. Boydard 21-3, lost to Miss Pollock and S. Newman 15-21, lost to Miss R. Summers and A. Keown 19-21.
Miss J. Anderson and L. Yong (Varsity) beat Miss Cunningham and Boydard 21-10, beat Miss Pollock and Newman 21-10, lost to Miss Summers and Keown 21-11.
Miss A. Choa and P. K. Hui (Varsity) beat Miss Cunningham and Boydard 21-10, beat Miss Pollock and Newman 21-10, lost to Miss Summers and Keown 21-10.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	5	5	0	0	39	6
Kowloon Tong	4	3	1	0	23	13
St. Andrew's	6	3	3	0	23	6
University	5	2	3	0	25	20
Free Lances	4	2	2	0	10	17
Taifoo R.C.	6	1	5	0	13	4
Recreio "B"	2	0	2	0	5	13

WORLD TOUR TO BE CUT SHORT

Sydney, Jan. 8. Gottfried von Cramm and Heinrich Henkel, Germany's crack tennis pair, will curtail their world tour programme and return to Germany upon the conclusion of their Australian tournament. They had originally intended to play a series of matches in India but these have had to be called off owing to the fact that Henkel who had already been handicapped in his play by an injured foot, has pulled a muscle in his right arm.

Ben Foord En Route To Next Fight

London, Jan. 7. Ben Foord, the South African boxer and former holder of the title of heavyweight champion of the British Empire, left yesterday for Hamburg where he will begin training for his bout with Max Schmeling scheduled for January 20. Among his party is another South African boxer, Leibbrandt, whose opponent at Hamburg is the German light heavyweight Adolf Witt. Schmeling is expected to arrive at his training camp at Friedrichshagen near Hamburg to-day.

PHILIPPINE OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

MONTES AND SEISUI TIE AFTER FIRST ROUND

Manila, Jan. 8. Larry Montes, defending champion in the 1938 National Open golf tournament, that is now underway at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, got off to a flying start yesterday morning although he shot a rather shaky first nine, his score was 72, par, and only one other player equalled that, Chin Seisui from Japan.

Paired with Norman Von Nida and T. Miyamoto, two outstanding favourites of the meet, Larry breezed along in grand style to show that he is going to be hard to defeat when the final rounds have been completed. He was out in 37, one over par, but braced his game and completed the last nine in one under, 35.

Von Nida, a heavy favourite in the betting, turned in the first nine in par but faltered on the "in" nine and turned in a 38, two over. He missed about five easy putts or he probably would have cracked old man par for the 18 holes. He still remains a big favourite though.

Chin Seisui, Open champion of Japan, did not disappoint his admirers and shot a perfect 72. Four other of his countrymen were among the first ten—Mafuku, Toda, Miyamoto and Uekata, Toda tying for second place with Von Nida with a 74.

Chinese caddy, Ching Yok, who had a flock of roosters, scored 77. "Bolt" J. R. H. Mason led the amateurs with 78. J. R. McFie, Jr., had an 81 and A. Gibbs, Jr., an 82.

Many pros fell by the wayside with a big thud, the chief fault attributed to them being faulty putting. "Putt" Putnam three-putted on eight of the eighteen greens and had to be content with an 83. Jim Black, Calcutta pro, never did get his stride and scored a poor 80. Wally King, American professional wrestler who is quite a golfer in his own right, showed the lack of practice due to a long layoff by shooting a 91.

Capt. Horsfall and O. G. Roberts pulled up at the end of the parade of 65 golfers with 98s, just one under the taboo mark. The latter, however, had lots of fun and amused with his remarks about his game.

Johnny Cuadrado withdrew from the meet and there were three players who scratched after performances that would not come near placing them in the select group. These three were L. E. Moore, whose game was decidedly below the standard and he is capable of and has been turning in, Charlie Earle and Cecilio Tayno.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS

A very slight rain-fell-while the first threesome was playing the 4th hole but it lasted only about two minutes. In the afternoon a fairly strong breeze sprang up and this had much to do with the games of those who didn't tee-off until towards noon.

To-morrow morning at 9:50 o'clock, a threesome that will be composed of the repeating or new champion, whichever the case may be, will tee-off. Montes, Von Nida and Seisui are the three and a big gallery will undoubtedly follow this crucial round. The crowd yesterday followed Montes and Von Nida with Tim Kanral second in public favour.

The Siamese seven-time champion, Kanral, played a steady game and scored a 76. Whether or not he is

capable of breaking par to get back in the running as a serious threat remains to be seen.

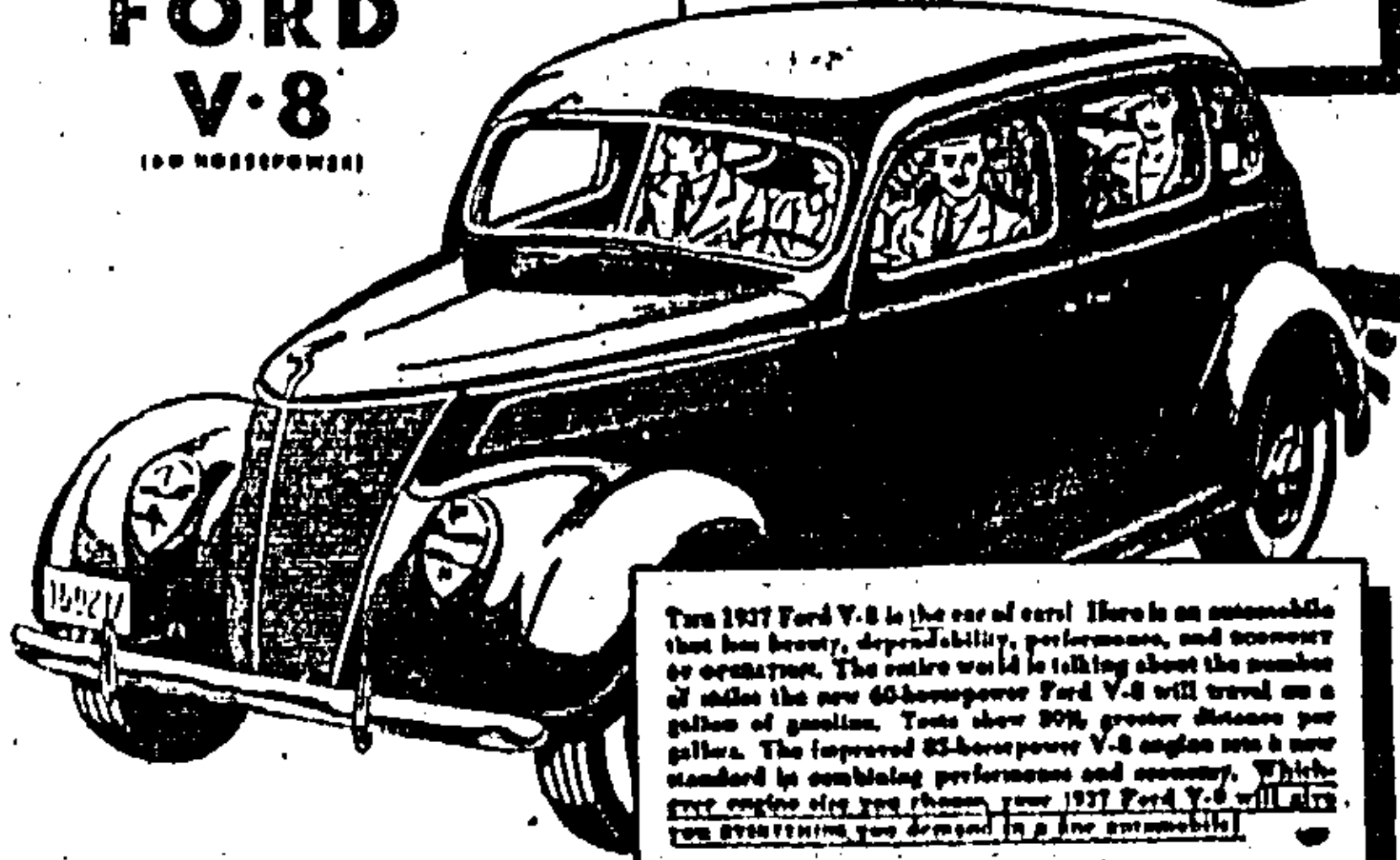
NATIONAL OPEN (1ST ROUND)

Larry Montes, Chin Seisui.
N. Von Nida, T. Toda.
Rin Mantecu.
T. Kanral, Casiano.
T. Miyamoto, I. Cokata, Ching Yok.
J. R. H. Mason, E. S. Ramos.
J. Ishii, Eugil Taketo, Sixto Adrales.
A. Gatchalian.
A. Muraki, Guillermo Navaja, J. Moriocka.
R. C. Gonzalez, J. R. McFie Jr., E. Villalobos.
A. Gibbs, Jr.
C. U. Putnam, Miguel Sequito.
Wade Cothran, C. V. Dandan, Celestino Tugot Jr., A. Koesling.
H. Robertson, J. E. Tusson, Lt. Treadwell, Jesus Asconia, Juan Estrella.
T. Aplin, Pedro Garcia.
Florence Hampton.
George Moss, Onofre Umbac.

Pedro Mendoza, Lt. J. W. B. Pillinger, Federico Lopez, F. V. Chamberlin, James Black, M. Gallardo.
Wally King, M. Simpson, Jr.
Howard Moore, N. Witherspoon, Francisco Santos, V. Bautista.
Cecilio Tusson, P. W. Kunz, W. R. G. Malpas.
I. Musca.
J. W. Means, J. Oropa.
A. Pacheco.
E. Mangabat.
Capt. Horsfall, P. G. Robert.
L. E. Moore, Charlie Earle, Cecilio Tayno.
Johnny Cuadrado withdrew.

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It. D. Freakes, the Oxford rugby blue, who has been chosen as full-back for England in the International match against Wales at Cardiff to-day. He has been selected in preference to Ronnie Gerrard, the former Hongkong boy and English International. This picture was taken in the trial match at Ipswich. Here Freakes is seen converting a try for the Possibles against the Probables.

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RUGBY NOTES

SOME REFLECTIONS
ON OXFORD'S WIN
DUE TO OPPORTUNISM AND
DEFENSIVE COVERING

By T. H. Evans Ballille

London, Dec. 12.

Year after year the thirty players chosen to represent Oxford and Cambridge, at Twickenham, address themselves, or so it seems to those of us who discuss probabilities by speech or in writing, to the humorous task of confounding predictions. The match played on Tuesday last must have left a record number of spectators and listeners unable to say, or look, the words, "I told you so."

Cambridge's scoring strength had been shown to be so great, Oxford's attacking possibilities were so untried in the formation ultimately adopted, that my own attempt at forecasting seemed, if anything, rather unfair to Cambridge and unfairly complimentary to Oxford. A fortnight ago I wrote: "The match depends on what account the Cambridge forwards give of themselves. If they 'And themselves' as an eight, Cambridge have the requisite scoring power to run up a useful total. Otherwise, a draw or even a narrow win, for Oxford is probable." And then Oxford go and win by as many as 13 points, with their line not crossed once!

It is legitimate, in self-defence, to point out that the opportunism, which was one of the features of Oxford's play on Tuesday, was not disclosed, except by P. K. Mayhew in one or two games, in the preliminary programme, but a more important point to be made is that the Cambridge forwards did not "And themselves," despite their almost monotonous scoring of the ball in set scrum, loose scrum, and line-out.

On the way back from the match I heard more than once the comment—"Well, it wasn't the fault of the Cambridge pack, anyhow." Figures kept during the match showed a preponderance of Cambridge possession from the methods named above in the proportion of nearly three to one.

FAULTY FORWARDS

Unfortunately, for the Cambridge backs, this was not enough. In fact, it was the fault of their forwards that the day was lost so decisively. Everything that those eight Cambridge forwards did rammed home the lesson that, however clever your hooker may be, it is vital to carry through the shove and watch the ball closely so as to be able to help it out quickly. If for any reason, either among your own eight or the enemy's, quick healing cannot be achieved, it is better to alter the tactics and hold the ball to take it through, especially against a defence of such speed and anticipation as Oxford's. It may be doubted, however, whether in any working scheme they would have been, to put it as the Irish might, so handy with their feet as Oxford.

Alternatively, or supplementarily, the back-row men, seeing their mid-field triangle so sore beset and har-

assed, might have turned their attention to the constructive side of their duties. Perhaps the difficulties met with by R. B. Bruce Lockhart, W. H. Roden, and J. G. S. Forrest provoked more sympathy for them than they merited, but it remains true that they deserve better than to leave a memory of having been the chopping blocks of Oxford's superb defensive scheme.

And what tackling it was! Many of those who peered through the mist in an agony of partisan hopes and fears may easily have missed one of its most remarkable characteristics—the backing-up. In attack, backing-up is comparatively easy, inspired, as it must be, by the hope of establishing an easily appreciated advantage. It also thrusts itself on the watcher's notice. In defence more hardihood, more resolution, and more imagination is required; and even these three qualities are insufficient without supreme physical fitness. It can also escape notice if the "reserve" tackler does not come into action. A team from either University has the great advantage of being able to plan the arrival at the peak of physical condition on the day, so that I doubt whether any such perfect defensive backing-up—covering, if you prefer that description—will be witnessed again this season, except possibly in the Navy and Army match.

SECOND TRIAL TEAMS

After a University match which must be set down as one of the most satisfactory of recent years (not because of the result but because of the high standard of individual excellence revealed) it is natural to find many players called on for next Saturday's trial. En passant it is pleasant to find the good feeling between rival codes, which exists in many parts of the country, exemplified by the loan of the Ipswich Town Association ground to the Eastern Counties R.F.U.

The exceptionally good match at Newlands a week ago made it obvious that here would be but little change in the England team, which now becomes "Probables." Of those who have not been included in the second "Possibles" team, it must be remembered that they have not necessarily been dropped. There is still the final trial at Twickenham.

Whatever may be the ultimate composition of England's team it should be less dull than last year's fifteen showed itself during long spells of the international matches. There



Marlene Dietrich and Robert Donat as the lady in distress and the modern-day knight who comes to her rescue in "Knight Without Armour," the Alexander Korda production of the famous James Hilton story which is being shown at the King's Theatre.

ENGLISH BOXERS BEAT
GERMAN AMATEURS
First International Match
Of Its Kind

By Fred Dainton

The England v. Germany boxing match at the Albert Hall last month—the first international match of its kind—was a great success. England won seven bouts to five and certainly did not merit a greater margin of success.

There was a fine crowd, including 500 Germans who reached London by the morning's boat, and sang their national songs on the orchestra seats below the big organ as a breezy prelude to the affairs of the evening.

Each bout provided the very keenest of fighting. One of the best of the evening was that between F. J. Simpson, of Battersea, our lightweight champion, against E. Nurnberg, the holder of the German title. Nurnberg was short, with a pair of shoulders and arms like a welterweight.

With almost the first blow he had Simpson on the floor through a right swing to the jaw.

The Englishman had a bad opening round, but by diligent use of the straight left he won the next two rounds and the verdict.

In the welter K. Pluss, of Cologne, met C. Webster, the brother of the lad who made amateur championships his monopoly a few years back. Pluss, short-headed, tall, and with a tremendous reach, employed the swing with both hands, but his defence was open as the day to the straight left. Webster used this weapon well and did some artful ducking; in the end his wits won the day.

PACK'S GOOD VICTORY

I was glad to see Wally Pack, of the Poly, put up a good show against A. Baumgarten, the German middleweight champion for the past two years. At the Olympic Games in Berlin, when he boxed as a welter, he was rather put out of his stride by a severe caution for ducking below the belt. Pack was too clever for Baumgarten.

T. Griffin, as an old Olympian and Golden Gloves representative, was thought to have a chance against R. Vogt, but the German, solidly built and with a good right hand, proved his master. At the beginning of the third round Vogt got in a smasher to the jaw and Griffin went down. He tried to rise, but fell again and the bout was stopped.

Fony Stuart, the English heavyweight champion, had a rousing dust-up with H. Runge, who has not only held the German title for the last three years but was Olympic champion in 1936. A hard wrestling sort of bout and the German just

are signs of more life in open work, nearer foot-control, and fuller appreciation of the possibilities of variety in attack. W. S. Kemble, a brilliant runner, may not have the gift of F. J. Reynolds in getting the three-quarter line away to the best advantage, but his presence should be a great relief to the selectors in case Reynolds finds it difficult to jump back into the form he was showing last March.

J. L. Giles improves, so it would seem, with every game he plays; P. Cranmer appears to have developed a certain suaveness of attack, which combined with fortitude in defence is an improvement on all-round bolsterousness, and F. M. McInnes should be a find whose genius is akin to the clan spirit of the other English backs. Any of the available wings should be efficient and of R. A. Gerrard's soundness and skill I believe many justly appreciative words will be said before the season is out.

There seems, in fact, no doubt as to England's ability to give a good account of herself in the international. A note of warning, nevertheless, is made necessary by past history. Let us hope that neither selectors nor team will take undue heed of the reputed brilliance of Welsh backs by concentrating on defence allied with catanny methods of attack.

Oxford knew all about Cambridge's brilliant attack and they defended, as we saw, magnificently. But they also kept on their toes for all chances to attack. They never hesitated to take a risk if they smelt a possible score.

Oxford 17, Cambridge 4. England? Wales? Undergraduates have expounded a sane doctrine. Possibly the masters of Rugby arts will not be above making a note or two.

FARR-BRADDOCK FIGHT
CONFIRMEDBuilding-Up Farr's
Prestige For New
Title Bout

By Geoffrey Simpson

London, Dec. 10.

Confirming the conversation I had with him the other day over the transatlantic telephone, Mike Jacobs, ace American boxing promoter, stated yesterday that Tommy Farr's next opponent will be James J. Braddock, the Irish-American veteran, whose rise from dock labourer to champion startled the boxing world.

Jacobs is still undecided about the date and place of the fight, but the probability is that it will be held in late January at Madison Square Garden.

It will be Farr's first match in his new quest of Joe Louis's championship, and Jacobs has undoubtedly chosen Braddock for the job, because if Farr can beat the ex-title holder it will put fresh colour and life into his campaign.

Jacobs is banking on Farr coming through the test with added prestige, so that he can put him in cold storage for the Louis-Max Schmeling winner, and I do not think he will be disappointed.

YET HE CAN BOX

Braddock has been out of the ring a long time; he has been a victim of arthritis, he is 31, and, in boxing, an old stager. Yet he can box uncommonly well, and if it so happened that he reproduced his Max Baer form, then Farr would have to look out.

It is stated from Toronto that Jacobs may pair the Farr-Braddock victor with the survivor of the Schmeling-Harry Thomas fight, which takes place next week. It looks to me like a very big "may."

A reasonable assumption is that Farr and Schmeling will be the survivors, and remembering that Schmeling is definitely contracted to meet Louis for the championship in June for 20 per cent. of the gate, it is likely that he will risk prejudicing that chance by engaging in a preliminary with Farr?

That night when Schmeling kept thumping Louis's chin he made the Negro "right hand shy." Watching the Farr-Louis battle Schmeling said, "Why—Louis is scared of a right-hand punch," by which he no doubt meant that he had made him that way. There is an uneasy feeling in America that sharp-shooting Max will again reach the Louis chin, and then, having won back the title for Germany, will sail for home and retire.

SAVING CLAUSE

Anyway, Jacobs took the precaution of having his lawyer put a clause in Schmeling's contract by which he leaves the bulk of his purse money in New York as guarantee—that he will return to defend the title if he beats Louis!

The feeling also exists on the other side that, although Farr lost to Louis, Farr might be equal to beating Schmeling.

About the time Farr is meeting Braddock, Schmeling will be back in Germany facing Ben Foord in Hamburg on January 30, and it will be interesting to see what sort of form Schmeling is in after his long rest.

BRITISH
ATHLETES
LEAVEFor Empire Games
In Australia

London, Dec. 10.

Fifteen track and field men, nine track and field women, four cyclists, six bowlers, eleven oarsmen, sixteen swimmers (eight men and eight women) and two wrestlers have now left England to compete in the third Empire Games. The first were held at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930, and the second four years later in London.

It cannot be said that a team of athletes which does not include S. C. Wooderson, A. G. K. Brown, D. Pennington, A. W. Sweeney and O. Finlay, to name only a few, is an ideal team to represent England. But the athletes who were able to go to Sydney will acquire themselves well. C. B. Holmes, for instance, has had an excellent record this year—in six races in the four international meetings he won five first and one second—and England's prospects in the sprints could hardly be better. W. Roberts is one of the best quarter-milers in the world, and P. D. Ward, who ranks fifth in the list of European three-milers, is regarded as a certainty for his event. Ward is also entering for the six miles.

The veteran A. J. Norris has a good chance in the marathon. I should not be surprised if his most serious opponent proves to be D. McNab Robertson, who represents Scotland.

LADIES' HOCKEY

Teams Selected For
To-day's Matches

The following will represent St. Andrew's Ladies in the Caer Clark match against the Central British Association Ladies to-day at 3 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:

R. Rose, G. White, L. Cross, M. Lawson, J. Wong, H. Reid, F. Wong, E. Churn, P. Gittins, I. Gittins and E. Barker.

The following will represent St. Andrew's in a friendly match against the Hongkong Ladies second eleven to-day at 3 p.m. on the Happy Valley ground:

J. Hall, J. Broadbridge, E. Chang, M. Vessouana, M. Roza, B. Greaves, V. Churn, Y. Ho, M. Churn, S. Roberts and D. Hall.

Central British Association

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies in the Caer Clark hockey match v. St. Andrew's Ladies, to-day on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park:

D. Moss, B. Parsons and P. P. Whitley; I. Woolley, M. Trall and E. Clever; F. Best, R. Forster, M. White, M. Daniels and D. Hunt.

The following will represent the Central British Association Ladies in a Brawn Cup match v. the "Y" Ladies this afternoon, at 4.15 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground, King's Park:

P. MacFadyen, P. Everest and M. Clarke; J. Whiteman, L. Dunn and J. Black; M. MacAlpine, K. Luckin, K. Winch, E. Woolley and F. Grimmit.

GOVERNOR TO
ATTEND

On Sunday, January 22, it is learned, His Excellency the Governor will be present at 3.30 p.m. at the football match between the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Hongkong Football Association, on the South China Athletic ground, and will present the trophy to the winning team.



Donald Budge, the American amateur tennis champion of the world, who was reported to be indisposed two days ago but was able to take part in a doubles match with Gene Mako against Adrian Quist and John Bromwich at Adelaide yesterday.

QUALIFYING GOLF

Country Club
Starting Times

The following are the starting times for the qualifying round of the Country Club Championship which will be played on Sunday, January 16:

11.00 a.m. H. K. Lee, B. Alves.
11.04 a.m. C. H. Suen, E. D. de Roza.
11.08 a.m. H. G. Leong, A. E. H. Castro.
11.12 a.m. J. Linton, A. W. de Roza.
11.16 a.m. J. J. Basto, A. A. Lopes.
11.20 a.m. M. A. Simoes, C. G. Anderson.
11.24 a.m. C. Kew, F. X. M. de Silva.
11.28 a.m. E. Sadlek, A. W. Ramsay.
11.32 a.m. F. E. A. Remedios, D. Basto.

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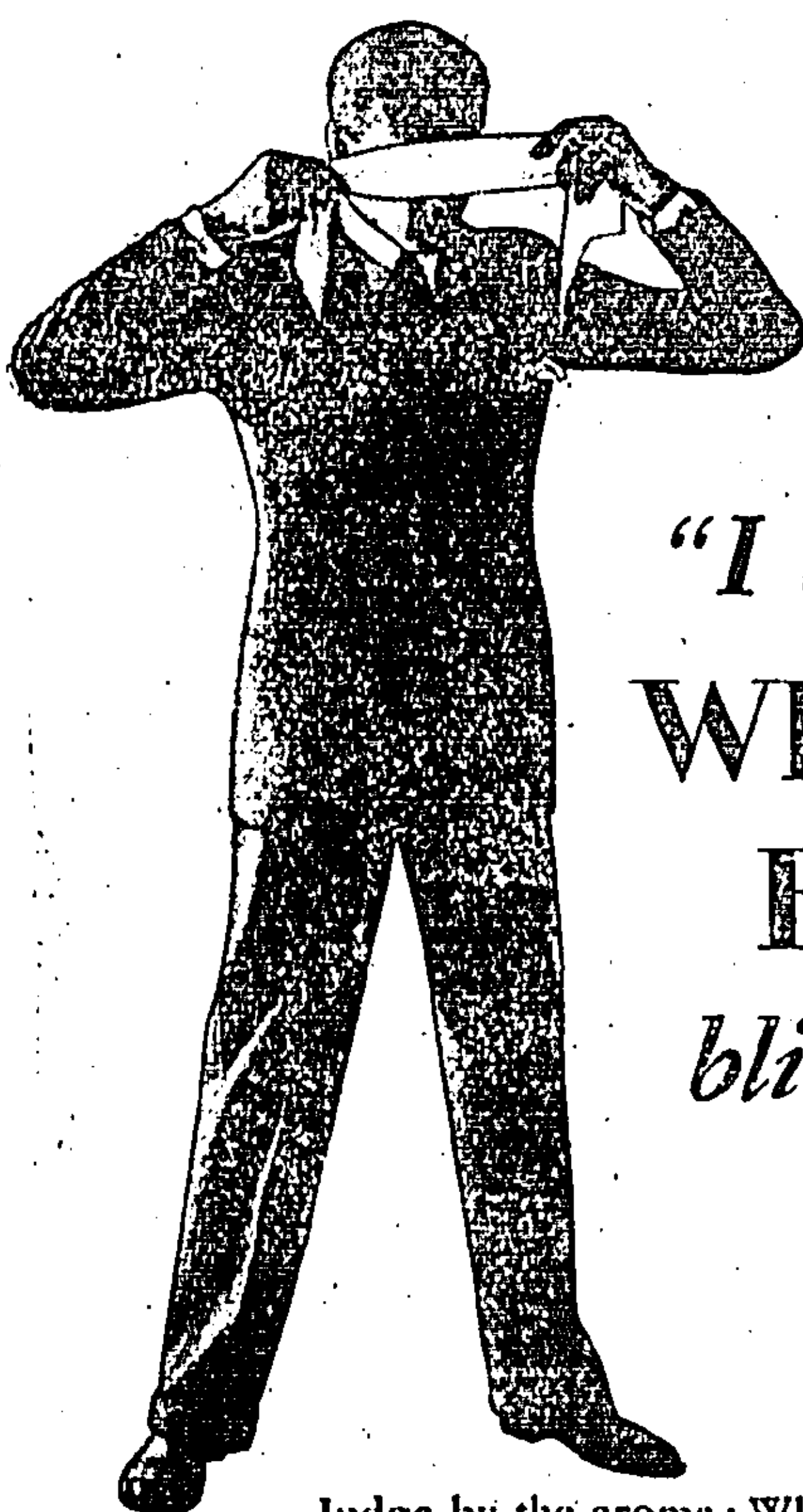
Brisbane, Jan. 14.
In the Sheffield Shield game to-day, Queensland won the toss against Victoria and sent them in on a slow wicket. At the close of play Victoria had made 269 for six (Lee 108).—*Enter Bulletin.*

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUBANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1938.

Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1938, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

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To begin with. I suppose you realise that you're taking what is the most important step in your whole life? (I'm prepared to argue that your choice of a career is less important to you than your choice of a wife.)

I suppose you don't want to rush into marriage without knowing what it really means? And you've no wish to be swept off your feet by a pretty face with no grey cells behind it, have you?

You've got to live with that face probably for many, many years, and it's going to change and become less attractive. So if you're marrying merely because you've been attracted by physical beauty, where are you going to be when that's gone?

Unless there's something more lasting behind, such as real affection for you, real companionship, and enough intellect to help you in your difficulties, one day you're going to find that you're married to a vacuum. And we all know what nature thinks of a vacuum, don't we?

Now consider these facts.

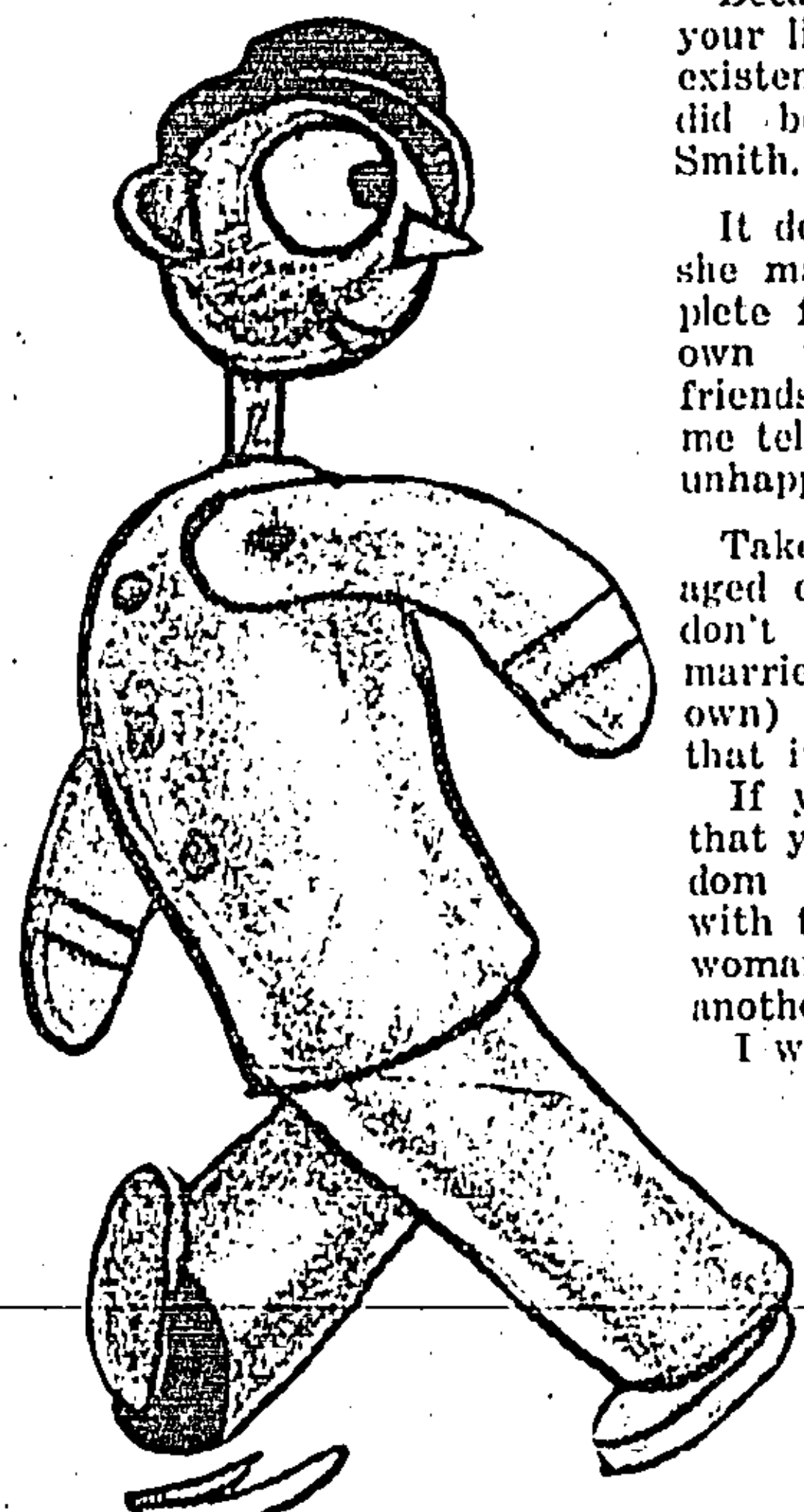
IF some one suggested to you that you should throw up your present job and go into another line of business, I'm sure you'd take days of thought and all kinds of advice before you came to a final decision, wouldn't you?

Well, we've already agreed that, important as your work is, it's nothing like so important as your marriage. And yet some men get married with less thought than they'd give to the question of where they'll spend their summer holidays.

Of course, it happens that way, because falling in love is about the strongest emotion a human being can experience, and it knocks you off your feet, Mr. Smith. Changing your job's a matter for cool calculation—very little emotion about that.

And this is the first point. Marriage should be a matter of whole—not marriage to any feelings, first, foremost—but particular individual.

You should force yourself to marry there are a whole heap sit down quietly alone—and of things you'll have to give up? think it over before you make



"Falling in love knocks you off your feet"

your final decision. Not only whether you should marry at all, but whether you should marry Miss Brown.

MY next point deals with marriage as a

marriage to any feelings, first, foremost—but particular individual.

Do you realise that when you sit down quietly alone—and of things you'll have to give up? think it over before you make

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MARRIAGE

Because, Mr. Smith, in future your life is not an independent existence—you can't live as you did before there was a Mrs. Smith.

It doesn't matter how willing she may be to allow you complete freedom—even to go her own way and make her own friends. That sort of thing, let me tell you, is bound to lead to unhappiness.

Take it from me as a middle-aged doctor—and what doctors don't know of other people's married lives (as well as their own) isn't worth knowing—that it won't work.

If you begin with the idea that you can enjoy all the freedom of a bachelor combined with the joys of living with a woman you love, you've got another guess coming.

I wonder whether you realise how rapidly divorce it that attitude towards it will have increased? In the surely do so.

After all, would you begin the year 1913 there were only 827 cases in Great Britain. But in 1936 with the thought that you could there were 8,107 matrimonial petitions. After, perhaps, several years That's a big jump in spent learning your job?

And do you know that an overwhelming number of these divorces takes place after about twelve years of married life?

Tell me, Mr. Smith, how would you interpret this curious fact? You've no idea?

WELL, it seems to me to suggest that these marriages have really been failures from the word "go." But the men and women have tried to make the best of a bad



"You've got to live with that face probably for many, many years"

job as long as possible. Finally, they've thrown in the sponge. By the way, why do you think divorce has increased so much? You think it's due to the war? Maybe that had something to do with it.

But I expect it's really due to two factors: the careless way some people rush into married life, and the knowledge that, if their marriage turns out badly, they can always finish it off.

Now, Mr. Smith, please don't enter into your married life with the idea that if it should with a turn out badly you can always, slip out of it. That's a rotten way of beginning marriage. If anything can smash

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DON'T you think that these divorce figures are really rather appalling? I don't mean for a single moment that I disapprove of divorce in certain cases. I'm referring to the fact that there should be so many people who want to divorce.

And I can't help feeling that, had they begun their married life in a different manner it would not have ended in the Law Courts.

MONDAY:

Bachelor habits must go.



S. O. S.

Leung Sai Tor, aged 11, is deaf and dumb.

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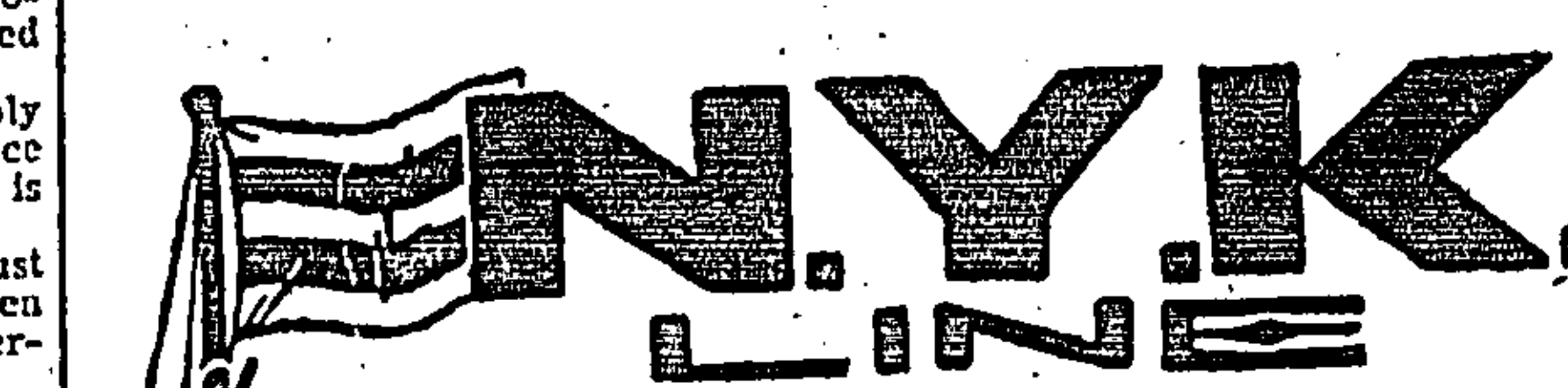
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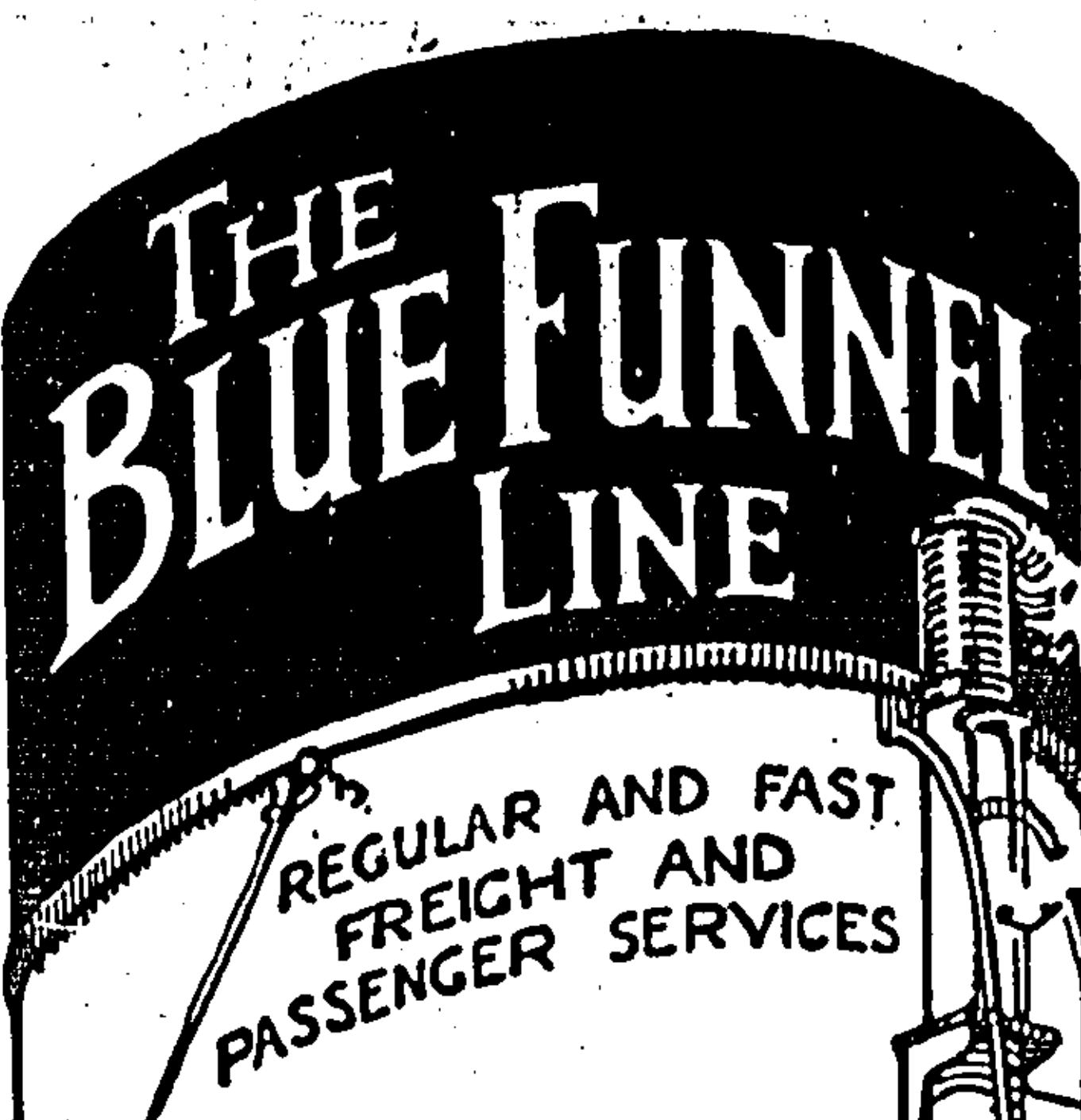
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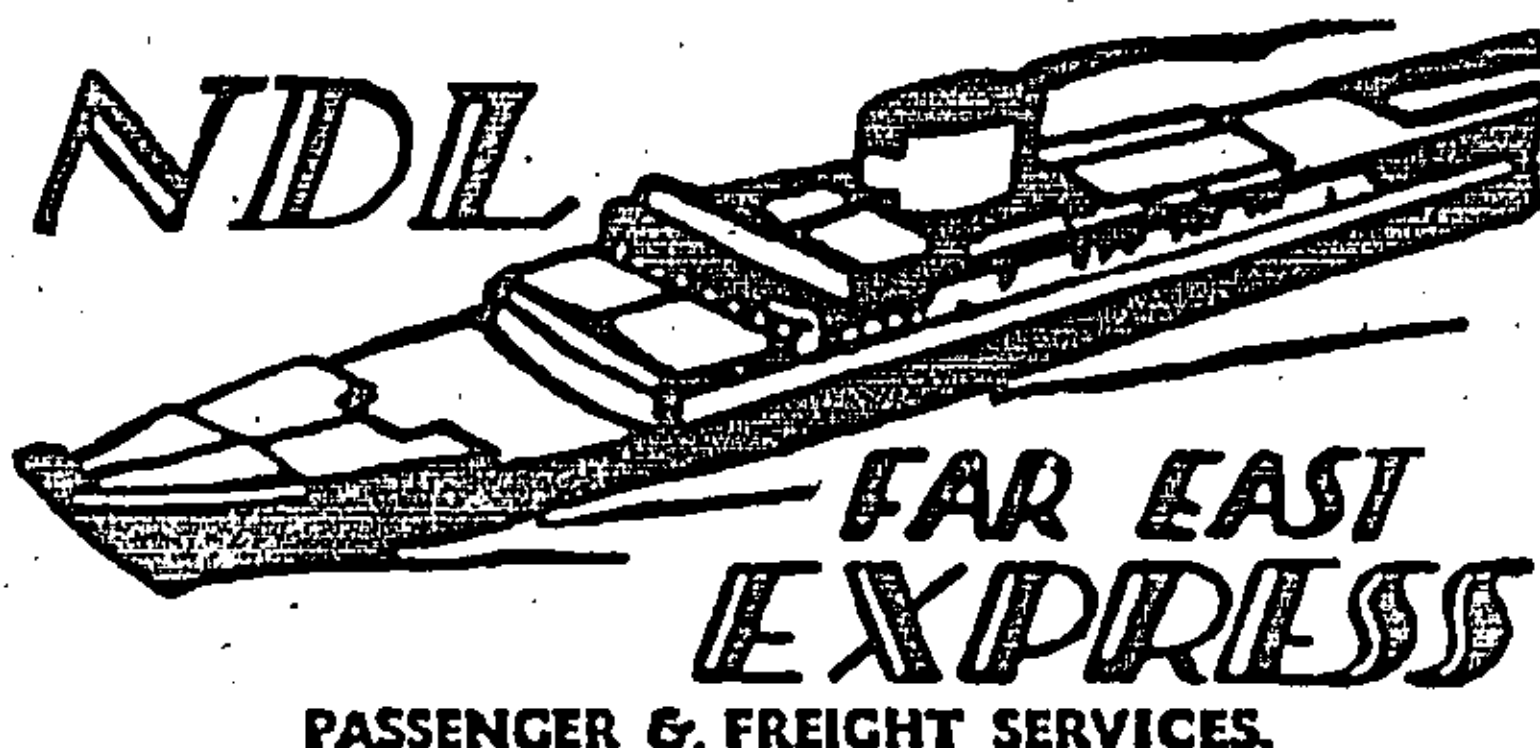
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GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO VOLUNTEERS FOR HONGKONG DEFENCE

The announcement that the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force reached full strength during last year, was made by the Commanding Officer, Cmdr. J. Petrie, D.S.C., at the fourth annual dinner, held on board H.M.S. Cornflower yesterday evening, when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., was the chief guest.

Among those who attended were H. E. the Naval C-in-C, Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, C.B., C.M.S., D.S.C., Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, D.S.C., Hon. Mr. S. Calne, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Hon. Mr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., Mr. J. R. Masson, Cmdr. C. Wauchope, Cmdr. C. D. Arbuthnot, Hon. Cmdr. A. L. Shields, Pay Lieut.-Cmdr. S. Hampden Ross, Lieut.-Col. R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., Lieut.-Col. H. B. L. Dowling, O.B.E., Mr. C. Champkin, Pay-Cmdr. H. C. Oswin, Cmdr. W. N. Kingston (Officer Instructor), Lieut.-Cmdr. R. R. Helbert, Lieut.-Cmdr. N. de G. Waymouth, Cpt. S. H. Batty Smith, Lieut. B. D. Gallie, R.N.

The Governor arrived shortly after 8 p.m., and dinner was served following cocktails.

The Commanding Officer presented his annual report as follows: "Your Excellencies and Gentlemen: Each year the Force has the opportunity, in the limited space available in the ship, of welcoming guests at its annual dinner. His Excellency the Governor, and His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief and our other guests, have a measure of responsibility for us throughout the year and it is at this time that a review of our progress is made.

Admiral Sir Charles Little, K.C.B., has sent a message regretting his inability to be present. It is cheering, however, to know that he is recovering satisfactorily. I express the feelings of all in wishing Admiral Little a speedy and complete recovery to health. (Applause).

The Force welcomes to the Colony its first permanent Officer Instructor, Commander W. N. Kingston, R.N. (Ret'd.). (Applause).

The fourth training season closed on December 31, 1937.

His Excellency the Governor has honoured the Force by accepting the rank of Honorary Captain. (Applause).

FULL STRENGTH

During the year the Force has reached full strength. Approval has been sought to increase the establishment and develop a further three branches of essential training. I had hoped to be able to say something definite on this subject. No serious difficulty is foreseen in securing the necessary personnel.

The H.K.N.V. Advisory Committee will operate as soon as approval to increase the strength is granted. The Committee consists of the Hon. J. J. Paterson, Mr. J. R. Masson and Hon. Cmdr. A. L. Shields, in addition to the members of the existing H.K.N.V. Committee.

The decentralisation scheme of internal organisation continues to operate satisfactorily. It is a heavy task on Volunteers to bear the triple responsibility of maintaining the ship, running the Force and passing the annual examination. Nevertheless, 17 officers secured over 80 per cent in the examination. This is a record in our short history.

Training has followed the usual lines. There has been more time spent at sea than in former years, and I want even more in the future. The Force has now a launch of its own for sea exercises. A further five text books for purposes of training have been prepared by Officers of the Force. Junior Officers continue to take O.O.D. duties in rotation during week nights.

The Force was represented by detachments at the usual ceremonial parades in the Colony. Inspections were made by Rear-Admiral C. G. Sedgwick on retiring from office and Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, C.B., D.S.C., after appointment.

At the Coronation the Force was represented by Paymaster Lieutenant-

Commander S. Hampden Ross and Cadet W. W. C. Shewan. In the Colonial Contingent, Cadet Shewan was No. 1 in the front rank and left guide. This Contingent headed the procession. Seven Coronation Medals were awarded to members of the Force.

KEEN RATINGS

Again I have to report the keenness and efficiency of Chinese Volunteer ratings. The average attendance is much above the statutory requirements.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee in July, presided over by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. N. L. Smith, I was encouraged by the reception given by the Committee to the proposal that Chinese Volunteers attending drills should be given a meal before each drill. Many come a long way, and a meal on arrival bucks them up.

At a time when heads of departments were threatened with dire penalties if they exceeded the bounds of economy I put the proposal forward with great trepidation. His Excellency concurred immediately, remarking that it was "a very good idea". Doubtless the ratings also concurred immediately!

During Combined Operations in March, Officers were, as in previous years, in command of patrol craft. An aggregate of twenty-two ships, including two of His Majesty's ships, were given to the Force. One was on patrol for 68 hours during four days and nights in every type of weather, even to dense fog with no visibility.

To Lieut.-Col. Anderson of the H.K.V.D.C., the Commander of members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, the Mission to Seamen, and to employers, I am indebted for co-operation and assistance. To Lieut.-Commander R. R. Helbert, Comd. Gunner G. H. Warren, P. O. Anderson and Yeoman of Signals Wilkinson, I should like to record the thanks of the Force for their energetic interest and excellent instruction. (Applause).

For the second successive year I have to say that no record of the Force would be complete without reference to Cornflower's stand against the typhoon. The application of experiences during the 1936 typhoon and the quick action of the Volunteer Officers and Shipkeepers brought the ship, with only very minor damage, through the worst typhoon on record in the Colony. Again the wind veered at the critical moment. A complete record has been kept.

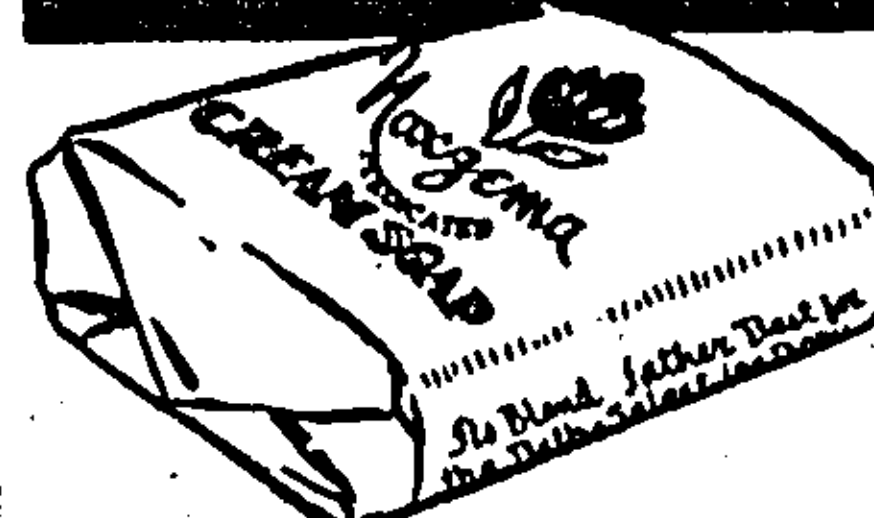
OFFICER INSTRUCTOR

Commander W. N. Kingston has just arrived from England. He relieves Lieut.-Cmdr. R. R. Helbert whose duties have been part-time. The internal organisation has been built up and maintained by Volunteer Officers. The application of experience upon them far in excess of reasonable demands. The years of work which have built up the sturdy craft which is the H.K.N.V.F. will not, however, be passed over as a job well done for others to carry on. There are several schemes under consideration and a great amount of work will be involved requiring "both watches and the cooks."

The Commodore has provided facilities for sea-training in His Majesty's Ships, and full advantage has been taken of them, but it is found impossible to keep pace with the demands of Officers for more advanced training. Commander Kingston's arrival has been eagerly awaited.

Profits from the Mess have been expended in improvements to furnishings, and alterations to the day cabin, etc. Over \$800 has been expended or

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budgeted for. During the typhoon the radio set belonging to the Mess provided the only contact with the shore; and brought in valuable weather reports broadcast from Z.B.W.

Officers resident in the ship again distinguished themselves in the annual examination, and once more I commend the environment of the ship to ambitious junior officers.

The senior ranks under the present establishment have now been filled by Lieut.-Commanders R. J. Grieve and J. C. M. Grenham. Finally, I appreciate the co-operation given me throughout the year. I now propose the toasts, "Our Guests" coupled with names of H. E. the Governor and H. E. the Naval Commander-in-Chief.

Cmdr. Petrie, with the approval of the Force, sent a signal to the Admiral Sir Charles Little. "We are glad to hear of your satisfactory progress and hope for your continued recovery."

The toast was taken with acclamation.

GOVERNOR REPLIES

The Governor in reply said he was glad to hear the encouraging report of the year's work and congratulated Cmdr. Petrie. On the subject of possible development of the force which Cmdr. Petrie had referred to he could mention that this matter had been brought to his notice some time ago. He sympathised with the suggestion to the extent of communicating with the Commissioner of Police, Chairman of the "Man Power" Committee. He understood that the Force required development on several lines.

Continuing, His Excellency said "The will is there and we are going to find a way to expand the force as soon as possible. Both the Admiral and the Commissioner of Police will be glad to hear this."

The report for the year was the more encouraging in that it was a year which held many difficulties but despite that, the Force had managed to attain full strength.

The examination results were surprisingly good as were also the comments on the Force's part in the combined operations.

His Excellency said he could congratulate the Force on obtaining Cmdr. Kingston as Officer Instructor and he wished him the best of luck. It was after reading his report that he visited H.M.S. Cornflower and he wished to thank the officers for the way in which he was received at that occasion. The crew were smart and the officers were obviously the best type of man for the job. That job was to be one of the first lines of defence of the Colony.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

There was a time when the Volunteer Force could be laughed at—a time he could remember himself—when they were not very efficient and perhaps they regarded their work then as something to occupy their spare time more than anything else. From what he had read, seen and heard of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, there was nothing of that spirit about them.

"Your present Governor realises the importance of the Force" and I

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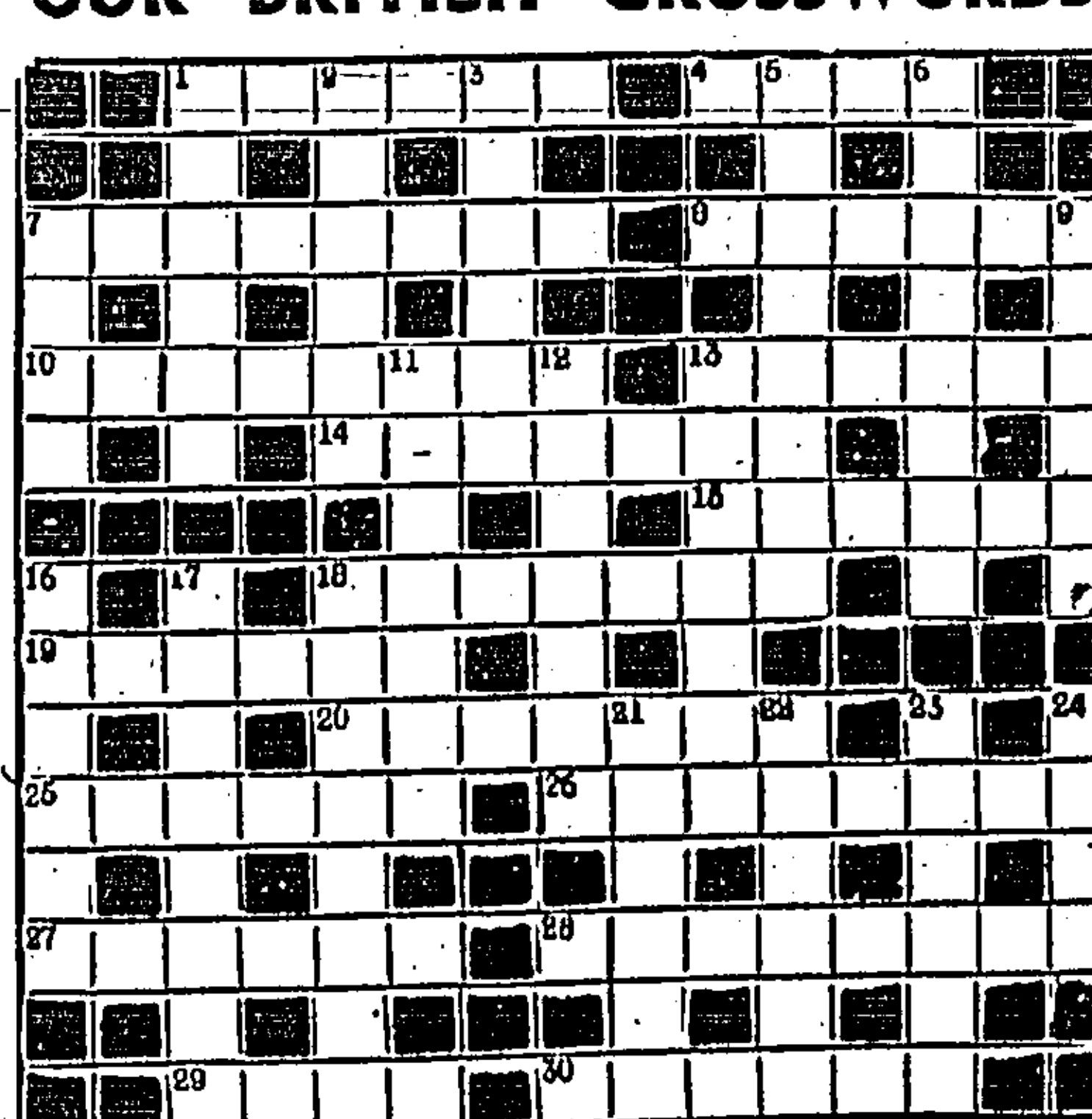
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- Is this description of diet enough to keep one warm, even with the rug provided? (8).
- Apparently let again, but not detained (8).
- Epithet for melting snow (8).
- By no means extravagant but including rent (7).
- Departing liners leave England here (8).
- Surprise begins appropriately (7).
- Material for a cast (7).
- Also material for a cast (7).
- To reach this many Japs go West (6).
- In sober fashion (8).
- Compelled to proceed (8).
- The centre might serve to dress an injury from the whole (8).
- Wound from a sea bird (4).
- Cat's command to the waves (8).

DOWN

- Is this insect particularly flighty as well as annoying? (6).
- The cowboy's lissome helper (6).
- A pretty useful rubber (6).
- "Early sap" (anag.) (8).
- A kind of book to record (8).
- Cautious turned crooked (4).

9 Business for birds and book-makers (6).

- This cock is not a bird (7).
- Virtually meander (7).
- What cattle and aeroplanes may be, all central (7).
- This wordy effort is more than a belief (6).
- The setting out would need to be artless to leave a painful residue (8).
- To this the end of it would be to ban newspapers (8).
- The services in this are always improving (8).
- A plant almost fills this geographical hollow (8).
- One insect starts another (8).
- His shades should be fast (4).

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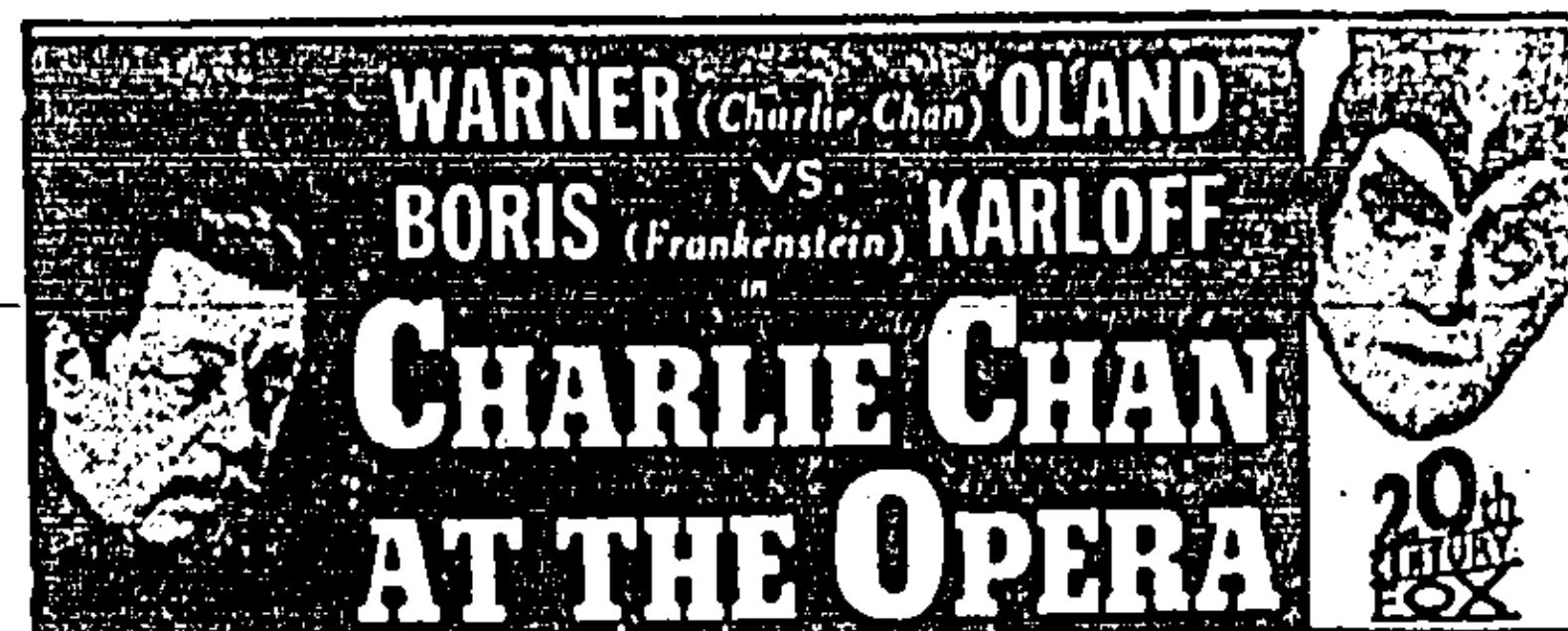
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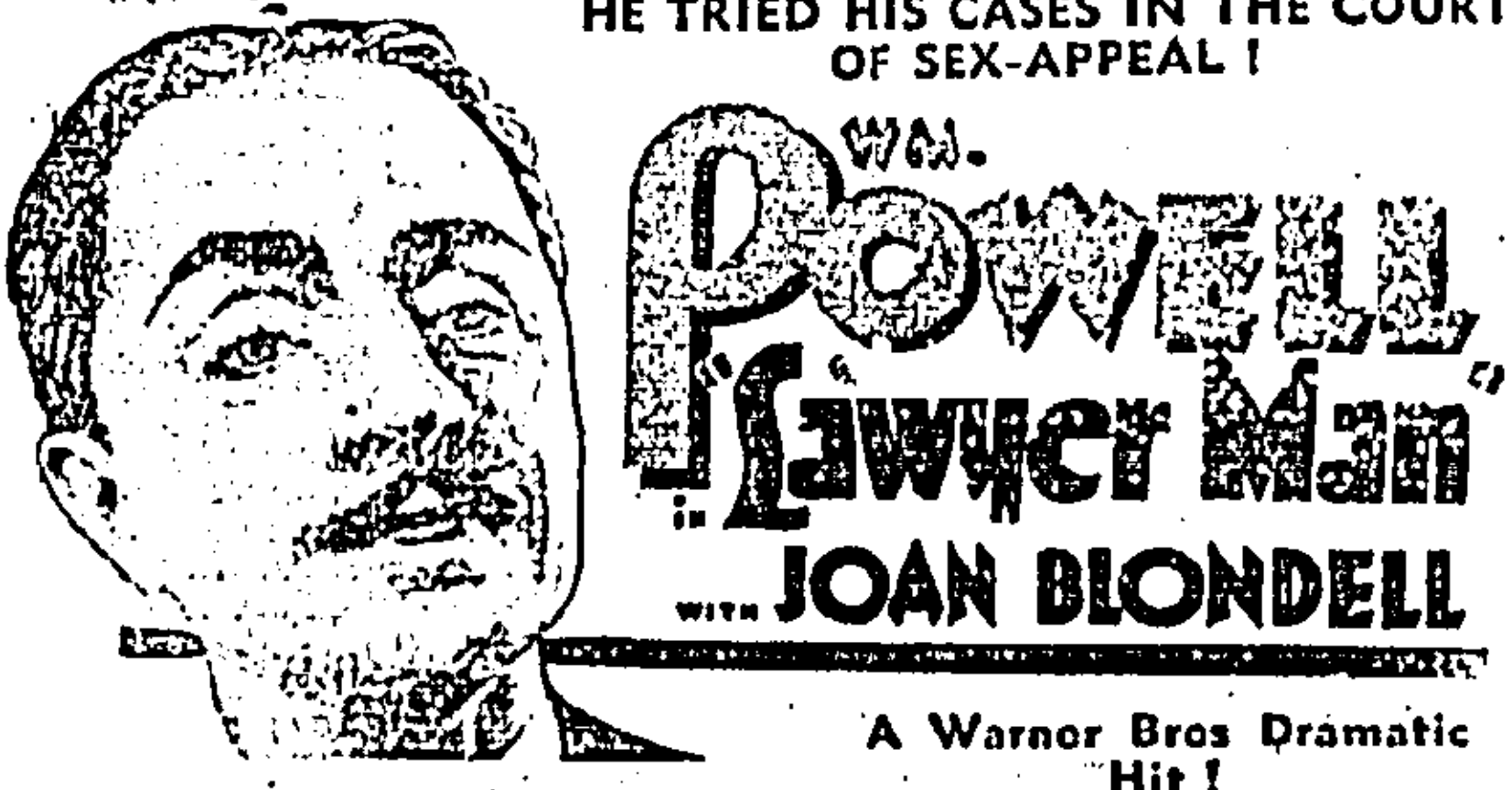
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PARTITION OF IRELAND

Prime Question In The Anglo-Irish Conference

London, Jan. 14.
The Anglo-Irish conversations which are opening on Monday next will be favoured with a more friendly atmosphere than any previous attempts to get an agreement of the centuries-old problem of Anglo-Irish relations. Defence is bound to loom large. Eire has only a small standing army, a small air force and two fishery protection vessels. Naval bases are maintained by the British at Queens-town and Berehaven and have long been a burning grievance with Eire as a derogation of its complete independence. It has long been recognised that whatever political difficulties exist there must be a joint defence of the two countries in view of their geographical position. Moreover, Ireland's agricultural resources are important to Britain in the event of war.

PARTITION THE BIG QUESTION
As regards trade negotiations, both sides agree that the so-called Anglo-Irish economic war benefited neither. The most thorny problem, however, will be the question of partition over which feeling is rapidly becoming intensified. The existence of Ulster in its present form has always been deeply resented by the people in the south, while Ulster folk's insistence of maintaining connection with the United Kingdom has been enhanced since the south has almost entirely eliminated the King from the Constitution.

There is certainly strong opposition in Britain to any attempt to coerce the north into union with the south. On the other hand Mr. Eamon De Valera is also known to oppose coercion. He favours giving the north local autonomy, leaving all major questions to the All-Ireland Parliament in Dublin.

While progress on economic and defence questions is most likely, there is still doubt about the fate of partition until the conference gets to grips with the issue. But as the talks have been initiated by Mr. De Valera it is supposed that conversations which led to that decision give promise of something tangible emerging.

The conference will open at 3 p.m. on Monday in the Cabinet room at 10, Downing Street after the parties have lunch together. — *Reuter* Special.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IS POSTPONED

At Request Of France

Geneva, Jan. 14.
The meeting of the League Council fixed for Monday next has been postponed until January 26. The postponement was proposed to the countries concerned by the Secretary-General at the request of the French Government, supported by the British Government, although the Rumanian Foreign Minister had already arrived at Geneva and other Ministers were on their way.

It is not expected that the request will meet with any opposition, although it may encounter some criticism. — *Reuter*.

MR. EDEN TO RETURN

Nice, Jan. 14.
After a long conversation with London, it is understood that Mr. Anthony Eden decided to return to London to-morrow, instead of proceeding straight to Geneva for the League Council Meeting. — *Reuter*.

NEW MAGISTRATE

Mr. H. R. Butters has been appointed Police Magistrate in Kowloon, with effect from January 10. Mr. Butters relieved Mr. K. Keen, who has proceeded on local leave in the Kowloon Magistracy.

STOP PRESS NEWS

Sun Fo's Confidence In Chinese

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.
In an exclusive statement, Doctor Sun Fo told United Press: "Our army is well equipped. The big order for war material recently placed abroad will prevent us from balancing our budget as the Finance Minister recently declared we otherwise should have done."

"The Chinese are a hardworking people and will not let themselves be discouraged by the war so gallantly called a 'conflict'. A long war will not break us and pessimism regarding the Chinese cause is ridiculous as we intend to do everything in our power."

"Under the circumstances it is impossible to say anything regarding the policy adopted in economic and financial affairs. We have taken every possible precaution to avoid disturbance in finance and economics. So far as I know, I shall not be appointed Minister to Moscow. It is impossible to say anything regarding my mission to Europe because it is secret. — *United Press*.

JAPANESE CAUSE DISTURBANCE IN DANCE HALL

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
The entry of a party of eleven Japanese, believed to be of the Ronin type, into the Paramount ballroom shortly after 11 o'clock last night resulted in a disturbance which led to the closing of this popular amusement centre.

Four of the party were wearing uniform somewhat similar to the Japanese army and all kept on their hats. As soon as they arrived, they started to create disturbances. They shouted at other patrons, pushed and shoved and generally were most aggressive. While dancing they attempted to push aside everyone who happened to be in their way, and one Japanese picked up a chair and waved it aloft until it was taken from him.

The other patrons remained quiet during the disturbance until one Japanese approached a Russian taxi-dancer, picked her up and started carrying her across the room, whereupon several patrons intervened. Several Settlement police, including a Japanese sergeant and a foreign sergeant who were summoned by the management were unable to pacify the Japanese party and the police finally advised the management to close the establishment to prevent further disturbances. — *Reuter*.

JAPAN INVASION IS SACRILEGE

Hankow, Jan. 15.
Mr. Kung Teh-cheng, the local descendant of Confucius, speaking at a formal reception in his honour last evening said he had come to Hankow to participate actively in the campaign of resistance against an aggressor. He deplored that a country with such an ancient civilisation should become the victim of foreign invasion and said Japan derived her civilization from China, and it was therefore that China, the birthplace of Confucius should not be occupied by Japanese troops.

Concluding, he expressed confidence in China's ultimate victory. — *Reuter*.

JAPAN WILL CALL FOR NATIONAL SACRIFICES

Tokyo, Jan. 15.
Concluding that the Chinese Government was "not seriously considering its anti-Japanese attitude," the Cabinet yesterday discussed "drastic measures to deal with the situation in China," says the *Asahi Shimbun* to-day.

The newspaper added that the Cabinet also decided to carry out a "campaign of unshakable determination." The Japanese Government's attitude towards the status of the Chinese Government, the newspaper continues, will be clarified very shortly. The *Asahi Shimbun* points out that the Japanese Government will demand general mobilisation of the Japanese nation spiritually, materially and financially, and will work continuously towards the enhancement and efficiency considered essential for the attainment of the desired objective. — *Reuter*.

WOUNDED POLICE OFFICER BETTER

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
"His condition is improving," Dr. E. G. Gauntlett told *Reuter* this morning referring to Inspector McPherson, who was seriously wounded yesterday in a gun battle with gangsters.

A call for blood transfusion was broadcast and all the men and some of the women attending a farewell cocktail party for Inspector Sinclair, who was involved in an incident with the Japanese authorities on January 7, volunteered. — *Reuter*.

TOKYO CHINESE SUPPORT CHIANG

Yokohama, Jan. 15.
The Chinese colony here, at a mass meeting voted not to support the Peiping Provisional Government at present but to continue to support the Chiang Kai-shek regime. — *United Press*.

PICTORIAL SUPPLEMENT

Owing to the large demand for copies of to-day's "Telegraph" subsequent to the printing of the Pictorial Supplement, this edition is issued without the Supplement.

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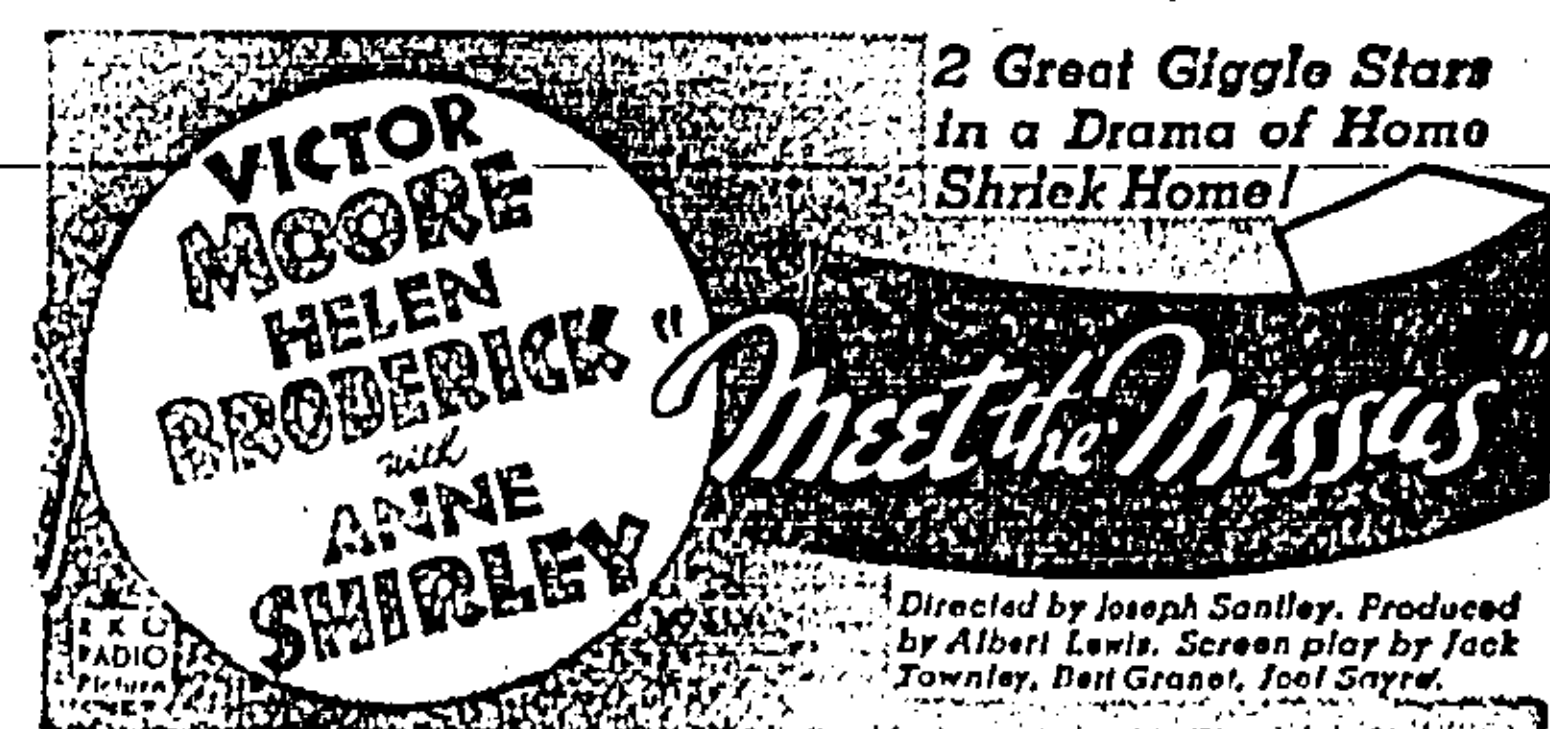
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JAPANESE ACCUSE BRITISH

Shanghai Mills Looted During Occupation

Shanghai, Jan. 14.
The Japanese have issued a statement from the Toyoda spinning mills, which were burned when the Chinese left the south bank of Soochow Creek with a loss of 17,000,000 yuans. It claims that the mills and offices were looted while the British had occupation of the property between August 14 and 24.

"The statement alleges that the Chinese constructed, probably with the connivance of the British unit, a pill box with two feet thick walls in Chungshan Road near the mill, which is an extra-settlement area but under the control of the Municipal Council, and that the British failed to carry out the Japanese request to halt construction."

The British took over the defence of the mill from the Japanese on August 14 and remained until October 27 when the Japanese declared they evacuated after giving notice of only 10 hours. It is said that after September 25 the British refused the Japanese access to the mill although the machinery required care.

On a recent visit to the mill, which covers many acres of land, a United Press correspondent saw hundreds of looms and spindles practically a complete loss. — *United Press*.

BRAVED MOB

One Japanese Woman Stayed In Tsingtao

Tsingtao, Jan. 14.
Only one Japanese stayed in Tsingtao when all the inhabitants withdrew, and remained here throughout. She is Mrs. F. A. Flossel, wife of a German café proprietor who has been in Tsingtao for 24 years. Mrs. Flossel, who was married 23 years ago, was formerly Miss Ine Okuba, and has a daughter, Kate, aged five who has been going back and forth to the Holy Ghost Convent daily.

Mrs. Flossel stayed at home like a prisoner since the day four and a half months ago when some Chinese shouted insulting remarks to her. Now she goes out freely as Japanese marines, soldiers and civilians are everywhere in Tsingtao. She is a German citizen by marriage.

Checking The Loot

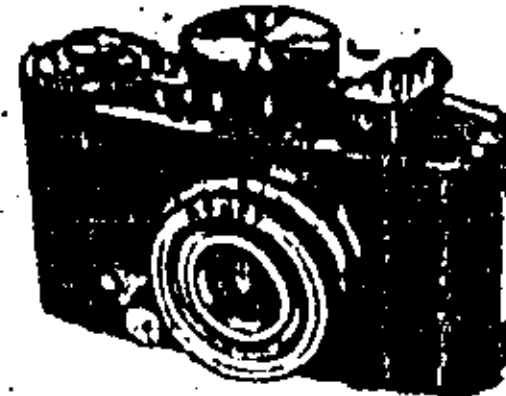
Japanese naval officers are busy at the German Club checking the recovered loot stored there. Most of the Japanese homes have been looted and Japanese residents will not be allowed to return until officials inspect them. Neutrals are putting up Japanese friends until their homes are opened. The worst looting occurred in the homes of employees of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Mr. M. Furumo, manager of the D.K.K., has been appointed acting Harbour Master. British coast vessels are expected to resume the temporarily suspended calls at Tsingtao shortly. — *Reuter*.

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